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TWO people will be sentenced later this month for a 'barbaric and murderous attack' that left a

Vincent Harty, 39, of Wakering Avenue, Shoebury, was found guilty of murdering Roy Sly at The Old Bailey last Wednesday.

Lisa Turner, 32, of Snakes Lane, Eastwood, had

previously pleaded guilty to the charge.

The pair will return The Old Bailey on Thursday, December 20, for sentencing.

Another man, Peter Smith, 37, of Furnace Row,

in Troedyrhiw, Merthyr Tydfil, appeared on trial alongside Harty, but was found not guilty.

The body of 53-year-old Mr Sly, who was known to Harty and Turner, was found inside his flat in Station Road, Westcliff, on Tuesday, January 10, this year.

Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Chief Inspector Godfrey O'Toole, who is now retired from the force, said the 'barbaric and murderous attack inflicted' upon Mr Sly was sustained over a long period of time with an extreme level of torturous violence

"I am in no doubt it was intended by his attackers to cause as much pain, suffering and fear as was possible," he said.

"No mercy was given to this frail and vulnerable man at the time and not an ounce of remorse has been shown since by any those convicted of his murder.

"Throughout this investigation and the trial, where they were exposed to some of most gruesome detail of what took place, Roy's family have behaved with the utmost dignity and

"I sincerely hope that these convictions will bring about a degree of closure them. They have done Roy proud.

BRUTAL: Roy Sly (main pic) was murdered by Vincent Harty and Lisa Turner (inset).



# Family pay tribute to man trying to turn his life around

THE family of Roy Sly have paid tribute to him but said here had been no winners in his murder.

A spokesman for the family said he was a 'very dear father, grandfather, son and brother'.

They said: "We will always love and miss Rov.

"We will never forget the horrific attack Roy was subjected too. He may have had a drink problem, but he had a heart of gold.

"Roy would have done anything for anyone.

"He showed special consideration to his 92-year-old

mother whom he had helped care for many years before she went into a home.

"Mum still asks for Roy almost a year on. We just say 'he has gone away'.

"Roy had been trying hard to turn his life around. He had many work placements,

including at a children's hospice, looking after the grounds.

"A few months prior to Roy's death he had completed a forklift course which he passed.

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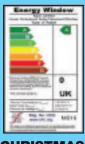




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# Music shop is back at the top of the charts STAFF at a music shop in Southend are celebrating winning a national award for the sixth time. Professional Music Technology (PMT), in Queens Road, has won the Music Industry Association, Best Multiple Retailer. Owners Simon Gilson and Terry Hope said they were honoured in getting the award, because it is voted for by customers. Steve, 49, said: "It really does show strong sup-The pair set up PMT in 1991 after being made redundant from their previous jobs at a music company, with their base originally in London "It was a tough time," Steve added. "But everything has gone really well and getting the award Now the PMT brand has expanded nationwide with a total of 10 shops. Steve added: "We're delighted we have got the AWARD WINNER: Simon Gilson with the award PMT Music landed recently for the sixth time. award back, we didn't get it last year. "It broke a run of getting it five years in a row, so it is great we have it yet again."

# Councils unite to condemn Royal Mail's new proposals

**By Paul Giles** 

LEADERS of councils in Southend and Rochford have united over their disgust of the Royal Mail closing sorting offices in their areas.

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secures that for us.'

Royal Mail will be shutting five of its sorting offices in Leigh, Shoebury, Canewdon, Great Wakering and Rochford.

executive of Southend Chief Council, Rob Tinlin, wrote to Royal Mail in October requesting an urgent meeting after it announced plans to close the offices.

A meeting was due to take place at the Civic Centre last Wednesday, attended by Mr Tinlin and the leaders of all four political groups on the council to discuss their opposition to the proposals with a senior member of Royal Mail's management team and talk about possible alternative solutions.

However, Royal Mail sent two members of staff without the authority to make decisions or alter the proposals to inform the Southend delegation that was publicly announcing the closures

was publicly announcing the closures the following day.

Southend council leader Nigel Holdcroft said he was appalled and shocked by Royal Mail's behaviour.

He said: "With regards to this matter, it has the horrible feel of a stitch-up about it."

about it.

"Royal Mail announced in October that it intended closing the sorting offices and consolidating all its sorting office functions at its Short Street base

in Southend.
"It appears to have taken absolutely no account of the affect this would have on the five communities concerned, let alone the logistical difficul-ties it would cause in Short Street.

"At the meeting with myself, the

expected a senior Royal Mail official to attend to listen to our concerns.

"Instead two representatives without the authority to make alterations to the current proposals were sent to tell us the closures would be publicly announced the very next day and that Royal Mail had no obligation to consult with anyone over them."

The leader of Rochford District Council, Terry Cutmore, said Royal Mail management should appreciate that it is withdrawing a vital resource

for the community.

"The elderly, disabled people, our local businesses and those without available transport, particularly in our rural communities, depend on them," he said. "To withdraw such vital facilities from the Rochford District is short-sighted and will have no positive impact in the area.

"I believe this stance will lose them their reputation and much of their business as other private providers will be the only ones to benefit."

Royal Mail has confirmed it will be

moving operations to Short Street, Southend, in early 2013.

Its delivery director for the Southend area, Steve Molloy, said the relocation of the offices is part of Royal Mail's ongoing modernisation programme.

He said: "It is vital to put our business on a sound, secure and sustainable footing for the future.
"Our service to customers will con-

tinue to be a top priority during these changes and further details will be available in advance of the moves.

"Customers can be reassured that we will do all we can to minimise disruption to customers and ensure we maintain the high level of service they expect and deserve from Royal Mail.

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# Two charged after

TWO men are due to appear in court next month after having been charged with an array of motoring offences

following a road crash in Southend. The collision happened in Victoria Avenue shortly after 9.30pm on Friday, September 14, when a silver Honda Accord struck a lamppost. All the occupants of the car ran off.

Two men have been released on police bail prior to their appearances at Southend Magistrates Court on Monday, January 7.

Is your pet a VIP?
STAFF at Pets at Home are hoping to find the winner of a national competition right on their doorstep.

They Southend store is calling for animal lovers from the area to nominate pets which they have re-homed, for a chance to be crowned 'the face' of its new reward scheme,

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All entries must be received by 5pm

on the Friday, January 18, 2013.

# Orchestra concert

THE newly re-established Southend Youth Orchestra is set to deliver a sparkling Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 16.

The event takes place at 3pm at Belfairs Academy in Highlands Boulevard, Leigh

Tickets are priced at £5 or £3 for concessions and can be reserved in advance by telephoning 01702-444587 or purchased on the door.

Funding for scheme SOUTHEND Council has secured further Government funding to help protect vulnerable residents from the effects of winter.

It has obtained £58,000 in funding – along with £85,000 previously held – for the revised Warm, Safe and Well on Sea project, which is being coordinated by Turning Tides.

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JAILED: Driver Brian Mulcahy and some of the gold.

# Gang jailed for £1million 'heist'

A LORRY driver from Westcliff has been sent to

prison for three and a half years for his part as the 'inside man' in a million pound bullion heist. Brian Mulcahy, 46, of Grosvenor Road, was a member of a gang of six who were sentenced to

23 years for their part in the robbery.

The Old Bailey heard how the meticulously planned 'inside job' first came to light when Brian Mulcahy, 46, an international lorry driver from Westcliff-on-Sea, was found locked in his firm's bullion security van, claiming to have been the victim of a vicious armed robbery in Wetteren, Belgium.

The court heard on Friday that David Chatwood, 58, of Sawyers Grove, Brentwood, and John Corley, 53, of, Biggin Hill, in Kent, were the organisers believed to be responsible for putting the team together and planning the heist. Mulcahy was the inside man, the driver of the lorry with the bullion on board.

His lorry route took him to Belgium on a reg-

ular basis, providing him with ample opportunity to locate the best place to carry out the theft. Corley, Gary Steven Cummings, 51, of Anne

Way, Romford, and Matthew Middleton, 42, of Loughton Way, Buckhurst Hill, were the 'robbers'; they carried out the fake hijacking and robbery of the bullion in Belgium, after travelling abroad on a coach from London Victoria,

An integral part of the team, Stanley Rose, 75, of Iver Road, Pilgrims Hatch, Brentwood, was in charge of logistics. He booked hotel rooms and looked after the gold and silver once stolen.

David Gale, 66, of Parkfields, Epping, was a senior member of the gang with Corley and Chatwood. He liaised with Rose and his job was to arrange and oversee the viewing and testing of the bullion.

On October 4, 2011, Belgian police discovered Mulcahy locked up in the back of his lorry in Wetteren, Belgium.

armed robbery, that his lorry had been hijacked and unknown suspects had stolen part of his

The stolen cargo was 25 kilos of gold bullion and 150 kilos of silver with an estimated value of £1million.

Rose booked two hotel rooms and stored the stolen gold and silver bullion in the rooms while he waited or Gale to make contact to arrange for the gold to be viewed and tested.

All six men were charged with conspiracy to

steal with Chatwood and Rose sentenced to four years, Corley to six, Mulcahy to three years and six months, and Cummings and Gale to three years. Middleton is due to be sentenced at a later date for the same charge.

Detective Superintendent Steve Ratcliffe from the MPS Special Projects Team said: "This was a very well planned and sophisticated criminal

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# Be a snow angel

FOLLOWING snow last week councillor Adam Jones is calling on people to help clear pavements of snow and ice this winter.

Councillor Jones, who represents the St Laurence ward, said: "The snow has caught many people by surprise and it is essential that we consider our elderly and vulnerable family, friends and neighbours.

Visit www.southend.gov.uk for more information.

# Comfy saddle initiative

RESIDENTS, visitors, passengers and cyclists are all invited to explore a special new initiative opening at Southend Central Station on Friday, December 14.

'The Comfy Saddle' aims to advise people on how they can travel more sustainably'.

This could range from helping people find a handier bus route to identifying which type of bicycle would suit them

# **National Tree** Planting campaign

SCHOOL children got involved in the National Tree Planting campaign last

Between them, the youngsters from years four, five and six at St George's Catholic Primary School, Eagle Way, Shoeburyness, helped plant more than 500 small tree whips in Shoebury Park.

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# **Christmas concert for charity**



PERFORMING arts school will be performing Christmas Concert to raise money for local charity Little Havens

Hospice. Students from Ridley Studio, in Hamlet Court Road, will be performing for the first time in the

seasonal show. Linnen, Rachael head of administration at the school, said pupils ranging from three-years-old to 18 would be taking part in the event in the event.

She said: "This will be the first public performance ever for some of our younger students and the first public performance as a year for the older BTEC students.

"The first half of the will feature music from well known musicals and the second half will have a real Christmas feel involving audience members having a good old sing along with some of the more widely known carols and Christmas songs.

The concert will be held in St Celments Church, Broadway, at 7pm on Saturday, December

Refreshments will be available during the interval and tickets cost £3.50.

# Teenager threatened with knife

A TEENAGER was threatened with a steak knife near the junction of Brightwell Avenue and London Road at 7.25pm on Friday, December 7.

The suspect is described as white, 5ft 6ins tall, of medium build, aged in his mid 40s. Anyone with information is asked to contact Dc Luke Dangerfield at Southend CID on 101.

## **Bike stolen**

A 19-year-old had his mobile stolen off of him by a teenager on a BMX.

At 8pm on Thursday, December 6, the victim from Benfleet was approached by a teenager on a BMX bike in Short Street, who demanded his mobile phone.

The victim handed over his iPhone 4 and

the suspect rode away.

# Motorcyclist named

A MOTORCYCLIST who died in the collision on the A127 on Tuesday December 4, has been named as Christopher Simpson, aged 43 who lived in Southend.

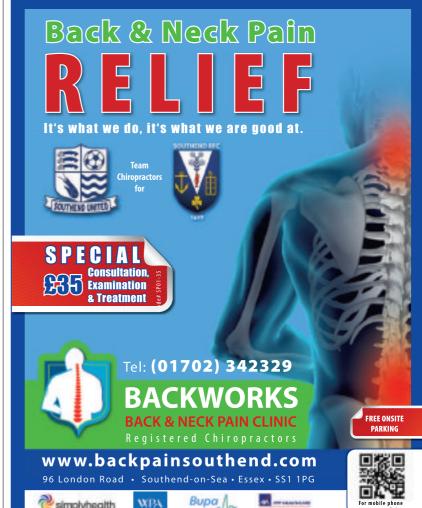
Mr Simpson fell from his red Suzuki motorcycle on the A127 near the Mayflower retail park, Basildon.

# Man on bail

A MAN is currently on police bail having been arrested on suspicion of assaulting another man outside a Southend nightclub.

The man, aged 18 from Grays, was arrested after a 25-year-old man from Southend was allegedly assaulted outside Mayhem nightclub in Warrior Square at 2.25am on Sunday, December 2.

The victim received facial injuries.





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# New police boss: 'I'm not here to toe the Tory line'

Last month Nick Alston was sworn in as the first ever Essex Police and Crime Commissioner. During his three-and-a-half year term he will control the force's budget, set policing priorities across the county and be responsible for hiring and firing chief constables. When Yellow Advertiser reporter Charles Thomson visited Mr Alston at the beginning of his third week in the role, he spoke about looming police cuts and accusations that his election would politicise the police force.

TURNOUT for last month's Police and Crime Commissioner election was the worst in UK history. The proportion of eligible voters who took to the polls in Essex – 12.8 per cent – was lower than the national average. The YA was flooded with letters and calls from readers in the lead-up to the election, complaining that they knew next to nothing about the impending contest.

Two weeks before the election, the YA published a Q&A with every candidate. We were once again inundated with calls and letters, this time thanking us for our helping readers make an informed choice. Among the letters was one from winner Nick Alston, telling us that our coverage was the best he had seen.

Low turnout was in part down to many people boycotting the election, claiming it would politicise the police. I put the argument to Mr Alston when I

meet him in his Chelmsford office.
"It is a political role," he says. "There's no getting away from the fact that it's political. Everyone is electing someone to represent them. That's politics."

He considered running as an independent, but decided that running as a Conservative would be most honest.

"I wasn't a member of the Conservative Party," he says. "But I've always voted Conservative. I am a Conservative. But the joy about this role is that I'm beholden to nobody except the electorate. There's no party

whip. I'm not here to plug a Tory line. I'm here as me.'

It is only Mr Alston's third week in office and he is already ensconced in next year's budget. I ask him if any part of the role has come as a shock so far. He replies: "The depth of the financial challenge.

Essex pays less money to police from its council tax than any other county in England. In the next budget, government funding for police will be slashed. Mr Alston will be responsible for deciding how much the county's council tax precept will rise – but even if he opts for the maximum, he can-not mitigate the shortfall created by the coalition's

The situation has reaffirmed his belief that it was time for the Essex Police Authority to be scrapped.

He explains: "We have the lowest precept in the country. Even if we put it up by the maximum we're allowed, every-one else will put theirs up too. So there's nothing I can do to close the gap.

"If we paid the average council tax precept instead of the lowest, it would pay for 500 extra police officers. I can't criticise decisions taken previously because I wasn't there. But it's left us in a pretty exposed position.'

The consequence, he says, will almost inevitably be redundancies in

"It's going to be tough," he warns.
"They've been taking efficiencies out of Essex Police for quite a long time now. So it's going to be tight."

The shrinking budget will also leave Mr Alston facing difficult choices about which crimes to tackle. Arguably Essex's biggest problem is burglary, which has risen steadily in many areas in recent years - but Mr Alston says there is lit-tle he can do to tackle it. He would rather channel resources into tackling the high number of deaths and injuries on the county's highways.

"If you're a good burglar and you don't leave a forensic trail, you're not going to get caught unless somebody grasses you up," he

"I would rather have a really good information campaign to members of the public to buy a decent lock on your front door. If everyone had a good lock on your door and locked it, you'd have

far less burglary. That's the simple fact. "Burglary matters, but 750 people being seriously injured or killed every year matters a hell of a lot more to me. Preventing road casualties is probably

more tractable as a problem than burglary. So what do we really care about? That's the debate.'

Mr Alston claims one way to tackle crimes like burglary, in which forensics often prove fruitless, is to improve the county's CCTV coverage. He has already ordered this be done on Canvey Island after a spate of armed robberies.

He tells me the state of many CCTV

systems is 'tragic'. "In this day and age there's no excuse," he says. "You can get really high quality, inexpensive systems.

"I don't want more cameras, but I want the ones we've got to be better used. We should be driving up the standards of that. A lot of money, I think, frankly, in years gone by, has been wasted on it."

Updated CCTV is one of several initiatives Mr Alston is planning.

Another plan is to hold two meetings

per year in each of the county's 14 districts, which he will chair, to discuss local issues.

"Policing has to be more targeted," he "We need to identify where the problems are and get the officers to those areas. We need to improve com-munication between public and police. There is a distance there.

'People talk about wanting cops back in the community but it's not visibility that matters, it's relationships. When people know and trust their local officers, they share information. That can solve, sometimes, quite serious crimes.'

Alston: Charity bag thefts are not a priority

Nick Alston has turned down a request to make charity bag thefts a police priority.

He rebuffed a request from the Charity Retail Association to prioritise the thefts, telling them he did not like their business model.

He said: "I said, sorry, no, and in fact, I think you've got a really bad business model. Your business model is to put a high value item in your front garden for collection – and you're surprised when somebody comes along and nicks it.

"You can be disappointed that some-one comes along and nicks it. But don't

Mr Alston, a former security adviser to Goldman Sachs, said his focus would be crime prevention.

He said: "My driving ambition is to

drive down crime. It's the only thing really that matters. I want there to be less victims?

He said in many cases the best course of action would be for residents and businesses to take precautions against

potential crimes.

He said: "Crimes are about opportunity. You didn't have shoplifting when you went into a shop and everything was behind the counter. Now the temptation is dreadful.

"I met the manager of a shopping centre and he said their tolerance was £10,000 per week in that one store, for shrinkage

"It must be as easy as pie to nick stuff from that shop.

"I'm bracing myself to have that discussion because on one level, here I am trying to get great police effort to stop shoplifting, and on the other hand are all these shops with all this stuff that is actually there - 'just come and take me'.'

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He said: "We feel we have put a lot of work in and we have been rewarded for our efforts.

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"That's when I came in, since then we have worked hard to get the Golf Mark Award.

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The results will be announced next year on Thursday, February 7.

# ...and work taking place at Garon Park 'will improve play'

THE director of Garons Park Golf Club has said work on the golf course will eventually improve play for golfers.

Alan Walker, said work on the course would finish next year.

The course has been taking lorries of mud

from works on Southend seafront at the site where the museum will be built.

Mud from the museum site is being used because when the club was taken over a lake

on the site was leaking.

Mr Walker said: "We had to support the lakeside or put landfill in there.

"We have been doing the work for the past

year and it will improve the landscape a

"We have had some financial recompense for taking the mud, but all of that money and more has been put back into the club to improve it.

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BROCHURE: New brochure of forthcoming shows is available at the Cliffs Pavilion.

# A sneak peak into the Cliffs' 2013 highlights

THEATRE goers can get a sneak peek at what is coming up next year at the Cliffs Pavilion.

The new winter and spring brochure has now been released for people to plan there cultural

Highlights in the brochure include a selection of national orchestras playing at the theatre.

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# **Book about the history of the** Palace Theatre goes on sale

**By Paul Giles** 

A BOOK following the history of the Palace Theatre has gone on sale as part of its centenary cele-

The book 'Tales from the Palace Theatre 1912- 2012' has been written by Rachel Lichtenstein, Charles Sharman-Cox and Stewart Trotter.

The book was specially commissioned to celebrate the centenary of the Theatre.

James Wareham, marketing assistant at the theatre explained the book was written in two parts

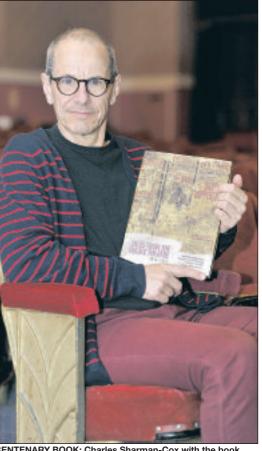
He said: "Part one deals with the early history, from its grand opening as a Palace of Varieties in 1912, to it being donated to the people of Southend by Gertrude Mouillot in 1943,through to 1965 when the Council put it back into private hands.

"Part two deals with the more recent history, from 1965 through to the present day and has been constructed from interviews with many of the key people, who talk openly and honestly about their time at the Palace Theatre."

The 100th anniversary of the theatre has seen a range of celebrations throughout the year with the help of a Heritage Lottery

An archive has been collected of old photos, programmes and posters.

A film has also been made



A community play was also hosted at the theatre.

CENTENARY BOOK: Charles Sharman-Cox with the book celebrating the theatre in its hundreth year.

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# Gallery launches second exhibition

THE Work of Art gallery launched its second exhibition last Saturday.

The show will last the whole month of December and first week of January.

The art on display will ranges from photography, canvas art, mixed media painting, ceramics, and much more.

Daniel Newman who is showing some of his photographic work said there was a wide variety of work for peo-

ple to appreciate.

Daniel, who is selling limited edition prints said: "This is ideal for people to come in and get a unique present for people for Christmas."



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EXHIBITION: Daniel Newman who is exhibiting his work at the Work of Art Gallery Hamlet Court Road.

# **Adventure Island is full** of festive fun and games

VISITORS to Adventure Island on Southend seafront will get the chance to meet Santa Claus in the run up to Christmas.

Executive chairman Philip Miller, said over the past few years he had noticed there is a total lack of quality, reasonably priced Christmas experi-

ences in Essex.

He said: "So we did our research, saw there was a gap in the market and then set out to create not just an opportunity for children to meet Father Christmas, but for them to have a wonderful multi sensory seasonal experience.'

The experience Adventure Island includes a ride on a train while being showered in snow.

Then it is on to Santa's grotto where you walk through corridors meeting different festive characters from a dancing polar bear to a band of teddy bears playing music.
At the end of the tour you



SANTA'S GROTTO: Angelina Klein and Father Christmas at Adventure Islands Winter Wonderland. Picture by Mark Cleveland

finally get to meet Santa himself who will hand a present over to visitors

After meeting him people are also given gamecards to play in Feelgoods arcade, berry juice for children and mulled wine for adults, and a taste of a festive pizza freshly

made on site.

Mr Miller added: "We really believe we have come up with something totally unique and very different for Essex and we hope families will enjoy

If you would like to make a booking call 01702 443400.

# Benefit cheat ordered to pay back money

A MAN who lied about his son to commit benefit fraud has been ordered by a court to pay back all the money he wrongly received.

Ivan Pohlot, 51, received housing and council tax benefit after telling Southend Council his son was attending nursery.

Magistrates Southend were told that Pohlot, formally of Milton Street in the fraudulently completed a child care form in support of his bogus welfare application.

However, the council's corporate fraud team later discovered his son had never attended the nursery.

When interviewed under caution Pohlot, who was wrongly £5,888.76 in housing benefit and £24.20 in council tax benefit, immediately admitted what he had

Pohlot, who admitted a charge of dishonestly providing a false statement, was ordered to repay the wrongly claimed benefits in total.

He was also granted conditional discharge for 18 months and ordered to pay prosecution costs of

Executive councillor

for corporate support services, Andrew said any Moring, attempt to abuse the benefit system is taken very seriously.

said: Council is fully committed to paying benefits to residents who have legitimate claims and genuine needs.

"However, we also have a duty to protect public finances and anyone who abuses the system will be prosecuted."

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LIFESAVER: Lily and her mum Jenny at hospital following her stroke.

# **Quick thinking girl** saves mother's life

A QUICK thinking nine year old has saved her mum's life after she was hit by a stroke at the family home.

Mum of four,

Mitchell's, legs buckled under her when she was holding onto the breakfast bar in the kitchen at her home in Eastwood Road, Rayleigh.

Lily, nine, also noticed her mother's speech had become slurred and grabbed her mobile phone to dial for an ambulance.

Thanks to her quick-thinking and the help of a neighbour, Jenny, 47, was rushed to Southend Hospital in time to have life-saving clot-busting drugs and is now making a good recovery on the acute stroke unit.

dad, Alan, had

mum and daughter alone

when the drama unfolded. Lily, a pupil at Wyburns primary school, Rayleigh, said her mum was not speaking

She said: "She could not say her words right and one side of her face was drooping."

consultant, Dr Devesh Sinha, said it was a severe stroke and Jenny avoided death or serious disability by getting to hospital quickly for a rapid angiogram

and clot-busting drug.

Dr Sinha said: "A subsequent scan has shown we were able to prevent a lot of brain damage – and it is all down to the quick thinking of her daughter Lily

"We have continued to pro-

ness and speech difficulties message to alert people to stroke, and it is heartening to see that a nine-year-old girl acted on this to save her mother's life."

From her hospital bed, Jenny, a professional photographer, said: "I had been suffering a lot of migraine and sinus trouble and thought it was due to that, so I did not want to make a fuss.

"I am so proud of Lily. The doctors have told me it is a miracle I am as well as I am."

A big family holiday to spend Christmas and New Year in Florida has had to be cancelled. But Lily is not at all disappointed and just looking forward to getting her mum back home.

# Keep fire safe this Christmas

ESSEX Fire and Rescue is warning people to take extra care over the Christmas period.

It is a little known fact that Christmas is the time of year when there are more injuries than ever caused by fire in the home.

As the decorations go up so do the risks of fire in the home, as people will be putting candles and other highly flammable decorations

up.

This means that many will be running the risk of becoming part of the December fire death toll, which accounts for 10 per cent of all fire

The service is advising people to follow 12 simple steps everyone can make sure that they and their families are safe and sound throughout the Christmas period to ring in the new year.

- Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British Standard. Always use an RCD on outdoor electrical equipment which is a safety device that can save lives by instantly switching off the power.
- Never place candles near your Christmas tree or furnishings. Don't leave them burning unat-
- Make sure your family and visitors staying for the festive period know what to do in an

emergency. Practice a fire escape plan.

■ Decorations can burn easily - Don't attach them to lights or heaters.

■ Switch off electrical appliances when not in use, unless they're designed to stay on. Take special care with Christmas lights. Always switch off and unplug Christmas lights before you go to bed.

■ Celebrate Christmas and New Year safely. The risk of accidents, especially in the kitchen, is greater after alcohol is consumed.

■ Most fires start in the kitchen - never leave

cooking unattended.

If you are planning to celebrate with fireworks, store them in a metal box, read the instructions, never go back to a lit firework and keep a bucket of water nearby.

- Make sure cigarettes are completely extinguished.
- Check the battery in your smoke alarm every week and use Christmas as a reminder to clean it and remove dust.
- Keep candles, lighters and matches out of reach of children.
- Take the time to check on elderly relatives and neighbours this Christmas - make sure they are fire safe.



# Gig to raise cash for charity Architects chosen

A CHARITY gig being held this weekend will also mark the launch of a single.

Charlotte McQuaid, Westcliff, will be singing a selec-tion of songs she has written alongside songwriting partner Paul Mitchell to raise money for the Homeless Action Resource Project (HARP).

The duo have recently written more than 30 songs together but the event on Sunday will see her first live performance of new single 'Don't Belong'.

The 27- year-old said she would also be performing with her other band Wazzo, a covers band that put their own indie edge on songs.

She said: "HARP is a well estab-

lished charity that works tirelessly to assist the homeless within our local community of Southend and I hope that by supporting them in this way I can do my small part in raising some funds and awareness for them with the help of my musician friends."

The gig will be held in the upstairs area of The Ship Pub, Leigh, from 4pm onwards.

Tickets will cost £5 each and all proceeds will go to HARP's Christmas Dinner Appeal to ensure they provide up to 700 dinners to disadvantaged local people throughout the 12 days of Christmas.

If you would like to donate online visit www.harpsouthend.org.uk



ARCHITECTS Pedder and Scampton have won the contract to design new beach huts for Shoebury East Beach.

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due to be completed by Spring 2013.

There will be gaps between the huts to make sure they do not block sea views and they will be robust enough inside for tenants to customise them.

# Charity sale

A CHARITY table top sale will be held at the Holy trinity Church, Southchurch

Boulevard, Southend, on Saturday,

The sale will start at 11am and finish at

Admission is 30p and tables are free for any charities, if you would like to book a table call 01702 466423.

# lt's panto time

PANTO will be starting at the Cliffs Pavilion in Westcliff this Saturday. The enchanting rags-to-riches tale of Cinderella will be transformed from page to stage in a production complete with an abundance of comedy, sets, costumes and the magical pantomime moment when Cinderella swaps her rags for a ball gown and heads to the Ball.

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# Songs and superstitions

APART from eating, singing is another very ancient form of celebrating a special occasion and Carol singing is probably one of the best known of the Christmas customs. The original singers were the waits who went from house to house in the last two centuries, singing for alms and Christmas

They in turn may have had their ori-They in turn may have had their origins in the watchmen who, at Christmas would sing festive songs in the hope of gifts of money in reward for their diligent awakenings throughout the year. At a time when possession of a clock was an unimaginable luxury for most ordinary folk, their services were essential for those who had to rise to attend their labours.

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The title wait or wayte, is one of great antiquity that was given to some members of a band of minstrels who replaced the ancient minstrel-chronicler in royal houses and who had access to the royal bed chamber in product to the program of the product of the pro order to sing or play to the monarch when requested to do so. In fact Burney in his 'History of Music', quotes from the 'liber niger domus regis' of

ALONG with customs and traditions of Christmas, many of the accompanying superstitions have descended to us, it is

widely believed, from pre-history.

They have simply been adopted and adapted by succeeding societies, Christianity being but the last in a long line of 'adoptive parents'. The word superstition itself means an irrational fear of the

unknown or mysterious.

The development of superstitions was a way our ill-educated ancestors coped with and explained the natural and unexpected phenomena of everyday living. They were also hopeful beliefs for the future at a time when for everyone the Edward IV's time as proof that the wayte was in fact the origin of the municipal watchman, so the tradition has really come almost full circle.

The carols themselves mostly originate from the 13th century. In those nate from the 13th century. In those days they were merely popular songs with no specific connection with the Nativity or any religious themes. The word in fact derives from the Old French 'carole' meaning a dance with a song. Many did begin life as ring dances which explains the repeated choruses many of them have.

Most of the original festive songs were lost during the Puritanical prohibitions of the Commonwealth and for the

tions of the Commonwealth and for the two hundred years from then until Victorian times, they remained in the domain of simple country folk. They were generally adopted by the Victorians in their search for 'Olde Englande'. The most popular of today's carols come from that time and the years since.

The first Nativity plays, probably began life in Medieval times in churches as a means of demonstrating the Christmas story to folk who in the

future was a huge uncertainty. That such beliefs are still with us is an indication of the thin veneer of civilisation that rests

Many farmers in both Derbyshire and Devonshire, still believe if the sun shines through the apple trees on Christmas Day, a heavy crop can be expected. Bread baked on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day was until comparatively recent times, believed to be a remedy for diarrhoea and dysentery. It was often dried, powdered and put away for medi-cinal purposes during the year.

It was once the custom to burn a huge candle over the fireplace for the twelve



main, could neither read nor write. The actors would have been adults and real animals would have been brought into

days of Christmas. III-fortune was thought to follow if the candle inadvertently went out. St. Johns College at Oxford still observes this custom.

Over the years it has been widely believed cattle will turn to the east at mid-night on Christmas Eve.

In Herefordshire it was thought only seven-year-old beasts would do this since that was said to be the age of the cattle in the stable at the birth of Christ. Other farming communities severally believed cattle would kneel at midnight and temporarily gain the power of speech.

It was however said to be fatal to see or hear this phenomenon so conveniently

play to further illustrate the story. Today of course the Nativity play holds a firm place in schools and the performances

no-one ever lived to tell the tale. Sit beneath a pine tree on Christmas Eve at beneath a pine tree on Christmas Eve at midnight and you'll hear the angels sing. Beware though, this is as dangerous as hearing the cattle talk and you won't be long for this world if you do. Nor will you live long after hearing the Christmas song of bees in their hives or angels singing mass in a coal mine at this time of year. To be hear on Christmas Pay June 2009.

To be born on Christmas Day is espe-cially lucky, in Lincolnshire such children are still thought to possess psychic pow-ers, and in parts of East Anglia many con-sider them to be healers.

Our ancestors widely believed that evil spirits were particularly dangerous during

At Christmas it is the custom in Glastonbury, to cut a spray from the Glastonbury, to cut a spray from the famous thorn, said to have been raised by St Joseph of Arimathaea from a splinter from Christ's Cross. The spray is then sent to the Queen for her Christmas table. Another Holy Thorn resides at Orcop in Herefordshire and is said to be a descendent of the parent tree at Glastophury.

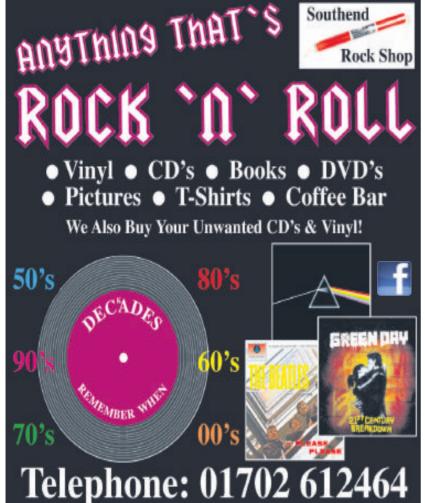
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The Yule log is thought to have come from Scandinavian invaders who burned it at the winter solstice in honour of their pagan gods. The chosen huge log was dragged home from the forest by the young men of the family. It was received with due ceremony at the door by the head of the household, and a libation poured over it. It was then decorated, handled only by those with freshly washed hands and, over a period of days, burned almost away. A remnant was always retained to light the fire the following year and the ashes were sprinkled on the fields to ensure a successful harvest. Coal and central heating have all but banished this colourful tradition.

the depths of winter, however, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day had such a holy aura that evil spirits had no power to harm and it was quite safe to wander abroad even at night.

abroad even at night.

All over Britain it was believed ancestral spirits returned to their homes on Christmas Day and for this reason the home had to be sparkling clean and tidy to receive them. The visitation was thought to take place while the family were at the Christmas morning service, so doors were left open and food on the table for their meal. One wonders how many trams enjoyed a july good free many tramps enjoyed a jolly good free Christmas meal as a result of this belief?



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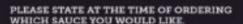
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# Gifts for the young

GIFTS for youngsters these days are often age specific. If you buy toys from reputable sources they usually carry a recommendation to the targeted age group. This is only a guide but, it's worth considering since toys for older children may be dangerous for the very young. Safety of toys is also bound up in their construction, they mustn't come apart exposing small bits that can be swallowed, or sharp edges that can cut. Durability is also important however because if it only lasts five minutes it is patently a waste of money. Chean toys are minutes, it is patently a waste of money. Cheap toys are no economy.

The perfect toy educates, amuses and encourages original thought. At Christmas this is especially important because children get bored very quickly. There is after all, only so much that can be done with a doll or a toy

all, only so much that can be done with a doll or a toy car. Look for gifts that give the youngster something to do. For the very young there are toys that hang over the cot and which the baby can touch and move. For the slightly older there are dolls with attached clothes that open in all sorts of ways - with Velcro, buttons, zips and other fasteners. For the yet older there are toys that make noises, books that make noises construction to the story within construction town. appropriate to the story within, construction toys, shaped blocks that can build into all sorts of things, and

shaped blocks that can build into all sorts of things, and for children even older, the suitable blocks are smaller and more intricate but just as fascinating.

Kits of all sorts are worth considering. These include felt pictures to make, stencils to draw round, printing blocks, modelling clay with moulds and shaping tools, clock making outfits, electrical circuitry, and that old favourite, the paint box.

But children also like clothes, new furnishings for their rooms, their own clock, mobile phone, radio, TV, computer games console, or Kindle - most of which come in age specific designs.

With an eye to the future, you could give a youngster music in the form of a musical instrument and a series of lessons, your local music shop will be able to advise.

of lessons, your local music shop will be able to advise. Or, for a really vocal child, singing lessons would help develop that voice. A natural progression from this would be dancing lessons or coaching in some special sport which of course, would call for special clothes and excluding the well.

sport which to course, would call for special clothes and equipment as well.

The old stand-bys such as dolls' houses, prams, bikes, etc., are still much in demand, and children still like books and recordings. All these make excellent gifts, will entertain for hours and educate as well. So this year, don't just give the latest craze, give a gift with lasting stullting ones that in proper than just a present place and qualities, one that is more than just a passing pleasure.

# ts for her and

SHE'S very special, but what should it be, the gift that tells her so? All through the year you have had brilliant flashes of inspiration but now, when the decision has to

be made, your mind is blank.

All you can think of are the obvi

think of it, the obvious takes a lot of beating. Perfume, chocolates, flowers, something beautiful to wear, are all appropriate, all very acceptable, but it has to be said, they are not original. Let's face it,



times, is a difficult concept to achieve. However, if you look at the obvious and employ a spot of lateral thinking, you may well achieve that elusive originality.

For example, perfumes don't just

come in bottles. Buy her piles of pot-pourri in boxed sets, complete with bottles of scented oils and beautiful bowls to keep it in. A set of exquisite silver or crystal pomanders to hang in her wardrobe would be nice? Lace encrusted herb pillows will cure those headaches and give her sweet dreams, and a course of aromatherapy massages will totally relax her. Perhaps best of all would be an illunimated make-up mirror on a stand? All would surely be appreciated?

Jewellery can be just as 'origi-nal'. Have something specially made, there's still time. A silver snake that coils around her arm from wrist to elbow or beyond would be exciting. A similar silver creature coiling around her ankle could be fabulous, even more so if you can run to gold. And how

you can run to gold. And how about a 3-piece pearl set comprising pearl necklace, pearl bracelet, and pearl stud earrings?

A fabulous silk robe, richly hand-painted in silver or gold, a pure white cashmere sweater embroidered with pearls, a deeply fringed pashmina, a shawl hand-embroidered with pearls and rhinestones, or a pair of sheer, pure silk stockings - are all absolute luxury to look at and wear. To keep her warm on the chilliest of days, what warm on the chilliest of days, what could be better than a fleece or extra-warm gilet?

course, and the originality lies in the selection. Go for a dark and bitter, hand-made Belgian selec-tion but, have them professionally tion but, have them professionally packed in a fabulous hand-carved wooden chest, crystal casket or brass-bound box. Or buy her a huge box of crystallized fruits, peels, chestnuts and ginger, they're not chocolate but they do carry all the flavours and scents of Christmas. Christmas.
Flowers are nearly always well

received as gifts, they say so much. Look for the most fabulously exotic, imported blooms you can find, or give a perfect orchid sealed in a crystal globe. A dried arrangement of the most unusual, exotic seed heads, leaves and exotic seed neads, leaves and boughs in a gilded bowl, sealed beneath a crystal dome would be a pleasure for ever. A perfect Bonsai tree on an old Delft plate could last for just as long. Or for those with less exotic tastes, a posy a week, or a bunch a month, from this Christmas to the next, would underline your feelings in no uncertain way.

Two gifts that could be given, but without insulting her too much are a celebrity cookbook or a fitness video to keep her trim in the year ahead.

If you really want to lash out, treat her to the latest model iPad

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Don't forget to ask her what she wants of course. Using your imagination cuts no ice if her heart's set on something in particular. Make sure you get it right though, there is no worse Christmas companion than a disappointed woman.

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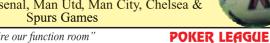


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# some for h

HABITUALLY, if not traditionally 'he' usually has to resign himself to receiving lack-lustre Christmas gifts such as soulless socks, terri-ble ties, hapless handkerchiefs, awful aftershave and boring old booze. Make this year the one

when you surprise him with more imaginative and exciting gifts.
A pair of cuff links, specially

crafted and packed in a silver-bound, black leather box would be special. A beautifully crafted pewter or silver hip flask filled with



his favourite tipple could be even

more so.

Dreary days at the office could be cheered up with a gold-plated or solid brass fountain pen, and if you can run to it, a ball point pen to match. A set of those fanciful executive desk toys might help him while away the boring moments. To help him keep his papers together give a set of hand-shaped brass clips, a paper weight in the form of a beautiful natural lump of crystal quartz or brilliantly hand-polished fossil fish in their bedrock of stone.

A travelling or bed-side clock that responds to vocal commands but persists periodically with a reminder, would keep him bang on

If he travels a lot, a re-charge able pocket torch could be useful, as could a pewter thermos or a kettle/coffee pot that runs from the car's cigar lighter. Even more useful could be an elegant travelling razor set smoothly plated in silver, silver soap box complete with a special hand-made soap, silver tooth brush box, and a soft leather sponge bag with a waterproof lin-ing to keep it all tidily and elegantly together.

If he's in to real luxury, a croco-dile leather belt will last him for years. A money belt will keep him safely in funds, and a wooden massager with fragrant muscle rub oil will help him relax after a very hard day. And if you must give him socks, get some hand-knitted in fine wool in his favourite colours your local knitting shop will have the names of good home knitters. Knitwear is, oddly enough, always

popular with men. Buy him a real cashmere pullover with matching scarf. Or if he is given to flashy statements occasionally, buy him an unusual and colourful waistcoat or a tunic-length jerkin to wear without a jacket. Or, if he really likes to be smart, get him a real waterproof canvas drover's coat and wide brimmed hat, and he'll really look the business.

A piece of artwork will appeal to

many men. A small water-colour depicting a local landscape, a small piece of sculpture, or a portrait of his favourite dog, could all be sources of pleasure, as could a signed copy of his favourite author's latest book.

If he's the practical sort of course, and a driver to boot, give him something special for the car If he's a gardener, some unusual gadget, tool or a specimen tree. For the enthusiast, a year's subscription to his favourite magazine or membership for a year to an appropriate club or sports associ-ation, will keep him busy in his leisure hours. And always remember, men like chocolate too!

An LED light wristwatch will keep him on time wherever he goes, and if he does not use a wallet he will need a credit card case. A hair clip per / beard trimmer and nose trimmer set could save him trips to the barbers. If he's in to golf buy him a putting matt, designer gloves, and a box of balls to replace all those

he has recently lost.

And if he's really special spend out on the latest Kindle or iPad. Make this year the one when you give him something really special.

BUYING for the not-so-young is no easier than buying for anyone else, though like the gifts for 'him', they can fall into those boring stereotypes. We buy what we imagine those older than ourselves would prefer.

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and young at heart

resemble disinfectant.

Ageing in a healthy person is seldom accompanied by a similar ageing of the mind. Many elderly folk will say they think and feel much as they did in their teens, though their attitudes are coloured by the experience inevitably gathered over the years. It follows therefore, that they probably have similar tastes to their younger relatives. Gifts therefore, should be chosen accordingly,

but with due thought given to some of the physical changes that may have taken place.

For example, the older you get, the more sensitive you become to temperature changes. Appropriate gifts will take this into account.

Give a superb bottle of wine, a delectably aged brandy or whisky with perhaps some beautiful glasses to drink it from. A mouth-watering selection of crystallized fruits and ginger, stem ginger in a beautiful porcelain jar, or a bottle of their favourite fruit deliciously preserved in brandy, could really 'make' their Christmas.

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Something a little more practical could include a shooting stick, pocket hand warmer, cashmere scarf, sheepskin gloves or mitts (for the very arthritic). A portable electric fan for warmer days, a photo of the grandchildren in a solid silver frame or a framed pencil-sketch portrait of their favourite pet, would all give pleasure throughout the year. Pleasure and comfort would also be provided by a cleak that people the time or which persende to the clock that speaks the time or which responds to the human voice. And for the really irascible, there is one on

human voice. And for the really irascible, there is one on the market that shuts up when you shout at it.

Many elderly people like to read, a set of books by their favourite author would give pleasure, as would a year's subscription to their favourite magazine. Then of course the latest Kindle will give them enough to read for the rest of their lives and it will only take them a matter of minutes to get accustomed to it.

For those who like to read but whose eyes are not as good as they were, how about a magnifying book scanner, or large print books?

ner, or large print books? For the not-so-young in your life, make your Christmas gift as attractive as anything you would like to receive. Remember you too will be their age one day!

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Christmas is big in Clifftown Road, Southend, as traders offer an individual service to their shoppers, which they say is much more personal than the bigger department stores. Del Gaisford, owner of Renalls Jewellers and Pawnbrokers. said: "We are all individual retailers in the street offering that little bit more than the bigger chains. "If you go to a national chain you can't ask for deals there because they have to phone their head office. We on the other hand can as we are all independent traders."

Renalls is the oldest established jewellers in Essex having first opened its doors in 1890, and has seen many changes

in the area including surviving through two World Wars. The premises offers huge savings on High Street stores, diamond set jewellery from £10 to £10,000, as well as special Sunday opening right up until Christmas - ideal for all those last minute gifts.

Southend's original department store, Ravens, has been offering shoppers an unparalleled choice of menswear, womenswear, ladies shoes and accessories and gifts for more than 100 years. The store is an Aladdin's cave for gifts over three retail floors, with everything from stocking filler ideas, crystal jewellery and leather goods, to a vast variety of menswear and an ever-increasing selection of contemporary womenswear from top international designers.

Those looking for a traditional meal whilst out shopping can dine at Van Looy's Fish and Chips Restaurant, or take a bite to eat away with them to enjoy at home. The fully licensed restaurant and takeaway offers a range of quality fish as well as other favourites, and has value-for-money offers including a senior citizen deal, a student special and a Sunday roast deal.

If you are looking for the ideal setting for a Christmas meal then look no further than Amina Tandoori Restaurant, which is open throughout the festive season except Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The restaurant, which was awarded four stars in a recent taste test and would like to

wish all its diners a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, has a wide range of choices this festive season. At lunchtimes diners can enjoy a three-course lunch deal for just £5.95 from Monday to

Saturday, or opt for its Christmas set menu, which is also served during the evening, for just £13.95 for three-courses or £15.95 for four-courses, with a vegetarian option for £10.95.

With the strain of Christmas shopping trips and festive journeys ahead, why not check your car is in tip top condition for the winter months. Station Garage is offering a free winter check on tyres, antifreeze, screenwash and oil for readers producing its advert, and are also

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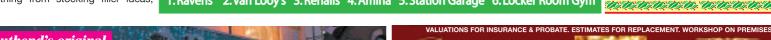
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# How the tree came to be an Xmas tradition

THE origin of the Christmas tree as we know it dates from the mid-1800s. In 1841, Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had one placed at the gates of Windsor Castle. It was a tradition the Prince imported from his German homeland when he came to be Victoria's consort.

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The royal tree however, was not the first to be erected in Britain. There are records of a tree erected in Queen Caroline's household in 1821 and another three in 1829 in Penshanger. All were decorated in honour of children's parties held at the royal palaces. In Manchester however, the tradition was already quite widespread, having been introduced by an enclave of German immigrants.

Indeed Christmas trees were to be found anywhere where Germans settled in the country. The Windsor tree really made the custom fashionable amongst the nobility and wealthy. Christmas trees in fact followed Germanic migrants wher-

ever they decided to settle and it is pretty certain that America saw Christmas trees before Britain did. They were intro-duced, again by German settlers, and by the Hessian soldiers

duced, again by German Setuers, and by the riessian Soldiers in George Ill's army when they were set up in their camps during the American War of Independence.

By the 1850s the tree had almost completely supplanted the 'Kissing Bough'. It was decorated with ribbons, rosettes, sweets, red apples and candles, and a bunch of mistletoe was suspended from its centre under which young members of the heurscheld were expected to kick and advertebation the of the household were expected to kiss and celebrate the

The real origin of the tree itself is not at all clear. There is a record of one erected in Strasbourg in 1605. Martin Luther has been credited with its invention in the 16th century by some. It is said that on his journey home one night, he saw the stars twinkling through the branches of the forest trees and thought how beautiful they would look if translated into a tree erected at home lit with candles. Others believe it was either St. Maternus or St. Boniface on a missionary tour who stopped a human sacrifice, substituting instead a small fir tree.

This would place the first Christmas tree around the 4th or 8th century AD. The most likely explanation is that a felled fir formed the central part of some pre-historical pagan ceremony and has, like many another ritual or tradition, been adapted over the centuries to suit whatever religious belief

was in vogue at the time.

Actually the Christmas tree has only become acceptable in churches since the late 1800s. It was to begin with, a strictly secular custom that spread out from the home. Its place of honour in town centres was a focus for carol singing and other seasonal festivities. In churches it eventually became the place where gifts for the poor could be left for distribution.

# History of the panto



TRADITIONALLY we should enjoy the pantomime 'on the evening next after Christmas night'. So wrote T. K. Hervey in his very detailed account of British Christmas festivities that he published in 1888.

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est pantomime performed and was peopled by such characters as Harlequin himself, who was a personification of the god Mercury, in his traditional wand Mercury, III in traditional wand and cap we can see the god's caduceus and petasus. His sweetheart Columbine represents Psyche, Mercury's doomed lover. The clown or Pantaloon probably represent Charon the boatman of the understed who proved the

the underworld who rowed the dead across the river Styx. Mr. Punch with his hump back, big head and long nose was probably the Roman figure called Maccus. Here we can see how the Punch and Judy show came about. It was ust a variation of the Christmas Panto as a puppet show, designed for one man to operate.

The Italian panto was actually a

richer, longer, more complex and bawdier production. There was no silent mime here

silent mime here. It involved burlesque, buffoon-ery, joke telling, slap-stick, satire on news stories of the times, singing, dancing, acrobatics, juggling, magic and anything else they could think of as long as it involved ceneral fast action. involved general fast action.

most pantomime performers became famous and rich, and were prominent members of polite society. They were certainly supported by even wealthier patrons who considered it an honour to do so. Louis XIII even ennobled some of them.

The heyday of Italian Pantomime was in the mid 1500s. It came to Britain at the turn of the 17th/18th Britain at the turn of the 17th/18th centuries. By the end of the 18th century the Harlequinade had changed somewhat and was beginning to more nearly resemble its Italian origin and, incidentally, the shows we now expect to see at this time of year. Mother Goose was one of the early nursery rhyme figures to star in a performance and probably the most mance and probably the most famous.

A 'revival' was put on at the Haymarket in 1808 with an additional scene depicting the burning of Covent Garden Theatre.

In the custom of the times, this production was so realistic, many of the audience decamped in the belief their own theatre was actually on fire.

The clown Grimaldi was a popular performer in pantomime. The politician D'Israeli was addicted to it. Pantomime in those days was strictly an adult entertainment that has progressed to being a family show which is probably how it developed originally.

Today it is almost unique to the UK and is almost entirely unknown in Italy. Indeed like so many of our other adopted traditions and customs, it is now considered typically and completely British, an entertainment tourists come especially to see.



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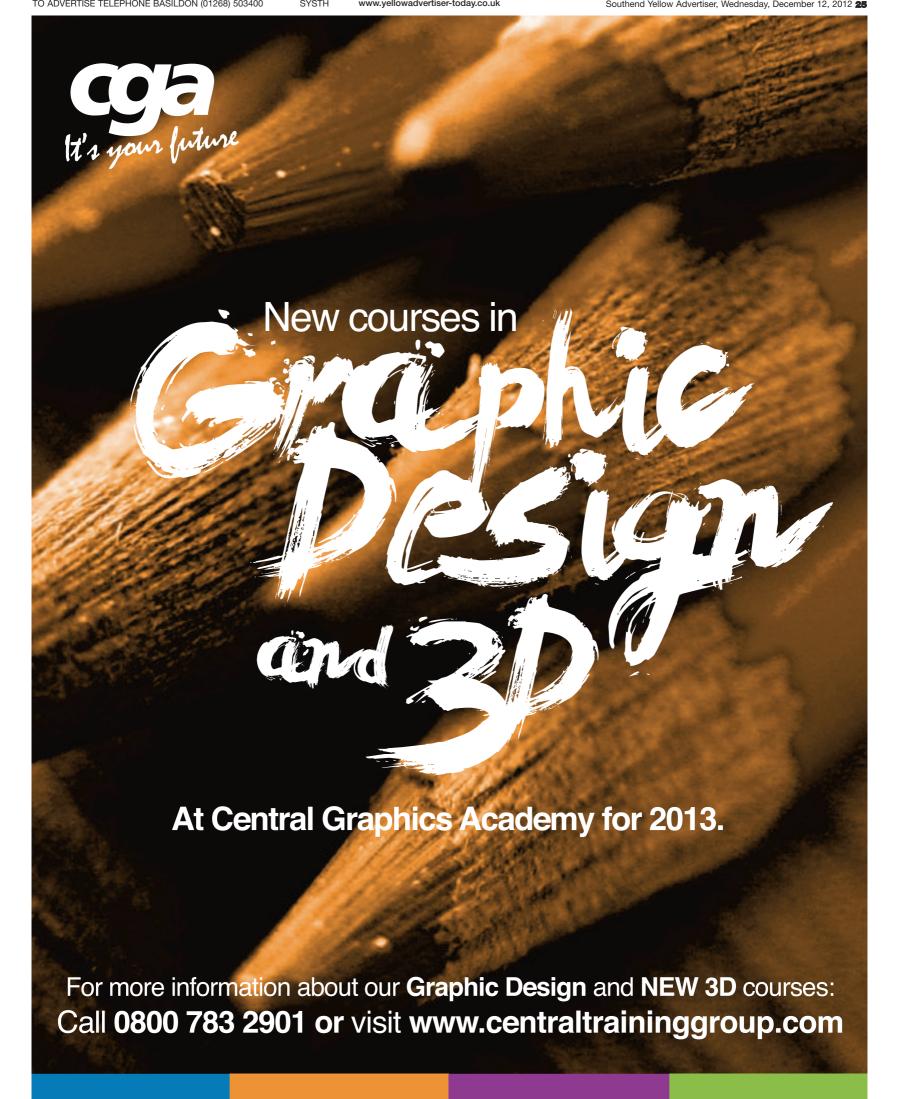
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# The story behind the card

THE story of the invention of the Christmas card is by no means a clear one. It is more than possible the idea came almost spontaneously to several people at the same time.

Whose idea was the actual one to take hold of the public's imagination however is a good question and several people are credited with this particular aspect of the festive season.

A printer's apprentice, one William Egley may have been first with a design. He printed and sold a few hundred cards, his first example resides in the British Museum. Unfortunately the date is almost indecipherable and may read either 1842 or 1849.

able and may read either 1842 or 1849. Another early contender is a Newcastle clergyman, Edward Bradley. He sent out a large number of lithographed Christmas greetings in 1844. However, that same year, the head of Birmingham's School of Design, W. A. Dobson sent a number of handpainted cards to his friends.

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Then an artist, J. C. Horsley actually designed a pictorial card in 1843 at the request of a certain Sir Henry Cole, who had the design commercially produced for sale in 1846. A thousand copies of this work were sold at what was at the time, the princely sum of one shilling.

From then until 1870, the fashion gathered

From then until 1870, the fashion gathered in popularity and has remained an obligatory tradition to this very day.

These cards came into being however, very

These cards came into being however, very much as a result of the institution of the postal service in 1840. Before that, it was a ponderous business getting letters of any sort to their destinations.

Reliance had to be placed on the mail coaches that passed up and down the country on roughly regular timetables.

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Before 1840 however, Christmas greetings of a sort were written and exchanged



between friends and relatives of an informal and handwritten kind.

In the 18th century it was a custom to send verses of a complimentary nature to special friends. The verses were composed specifically for the recipient and very much personalized, containing very personal references. Schoolboys returning home from school for the Christmas holiday would also bring 'Christmas Pieces' for their parents. These usually comprised carefully written

messages, elaborately illuminated and handpainted. The calligraphy naturally was an important part of the composition and was no doubt also an indication to the parents of their son's progress in writing. Special stationery was produced for these purposes, and large amounts were sold.

The card custom was adopted by the USA toward the end of the 19th century and became as popular there as it was in Britain. Designs have changed over the years but

the most abiding character is the robin, a pre-Christian symbol of life-giving fire that was greatly revered. From the Americas has come another, similar symbol, the poinsettia. Mexican legend tells of a poor child, ridiculed by his fellows because he could only give a colourless, wild plant to his church for its seasonal decorations. The Virgin Mary is said to have turned it red to save his embarrassment and it has been a Christmas symbol

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# Did you know when the first cracker was pulled?

CRACKERS might seem to be traditional items for Christmas but they are a comparatively recent invention. The invention of the cracker, the symbol of party jollity that can be found all year round at festivities and celebrations, was in fact specifically invented with Christmas in mind.

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Its conception was, like so many really successful aspects of life, very much an amalgamation of chance, commercial

nnecessity and inventiveness.

The 'Bangs of Expectation' as they were called at one point, began life as sugar almonds wrapped in colourful twists of paper and sold in French sweet shops.

They were seen by a baker of cakes, one Thomas Smith, while visiting an exhibition in France in 1847.

Mr Smith was charmed by this novel idea and because English sweets were never sold wrapped in those days, he imported it, marketed the wrapped bonbons that very Christmas and was amazed by the success of his enterprise. The following year he inserted a love motto in the twist of paper and again took shoppers by storm. His imported idea was a runaway success.

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Being a resourceful chap and realising that originality was the reason for his success, he next added a small novelty or trinket into the little parcel and again success was his. However, he knew the attraction would eventually wear off.

While he was pondering the next varia-

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tion on the theme, sitting at his fireside, the story has it, a log moved, crackled and let loose a flurry of sparks. This was the final touch he had been seeking. If instead of unwrapping the sweets, they could be pulled open with a cheerful 'crack', he felt sure his fortune would be made.

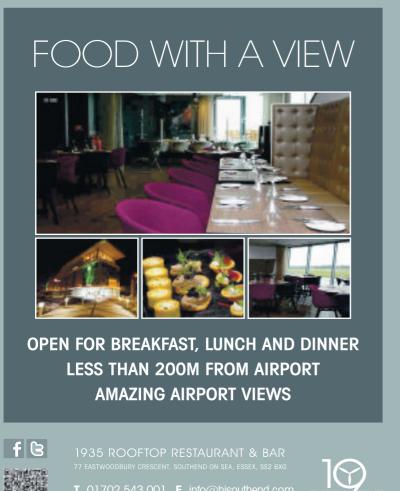
Inventing a safe method of inserting the bang into the wrappings was not easy and he experienced many false starts. It took two years but, he eventually solved the problem and, in 1860 his 'Bangs of Expectation' were launched onto a very appreciative market. The rest as they say, is history.

Those early crackers were small affairs some 6 inches long. They were popularly known as 'cosaques' because they reminded people of the crack made by Cossack whips as they rode their horses through Paris during the Franco-Prussian war. The name bon-bon however, remained for many years and there are still elderly folk who refer to crackers in this way.

Many people copied the idea because the Laws of Copyright were very much in their infancy. Few however made them as well or as successfully as Tom Smith's company which stayed ahead of the game by constant innovation and attention to quality.

The company is no longer in family hands and many companies around the world now produce this festive article.

Tom Smith still exists as a company however, in spite of several take-overs and the odd management buy out. Based in Norwich, its festive products remain the best known of all Christmas novelties. In short, the history of Tom Smith's original idea is the history of the Christmas Cracker.









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#### Outnumbered, BBC1, 9.35pm

Children may say the funniest things, but teens tend to restrict themselves to dark mutterings and the occasional cry of 'It's so unfair!' So, the makers of Outnumbered could have a problem on their hands as child stars Ramona Marquez and Daniel Roche get older, and their surreal, semi-improvised dialogue starts to sound less natural. Fortunately, it appears writers Andy Hamilton and Guy Jenkin may be one step ahead of us, as this Christmas episode isn't just relying on the kids to generate the laughs as it sees the Brockmans joined by special guests Mark Heap and Sanieev Bhaskar. Pete and Sue are hoping to foster a sense of community by inviting the neighbours round for dinner, but putting traumatised ex-weatherman Ray, opinionated Norris, and lovelorn Jane round the same table sounds more likely to lead to feuding over the garden fences, especially as Ben is in charge of the party games, Meanwhile, Jake eems to have fallen in with the wrong crowd, Gran is about to spring a huge surprise, and Karen would prefer to do her seasonal

# BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast **9.00** David Suchet In the Footsteps of St Paul **10.00** The Two Ronnies Christmas Special 1984 11.00 Only Fools and Horses 12.00 BBC News; Weather 12.15 Regional News; Weather 12.25 FILM: The Santa Clause (1994) Fantasy comedy, starring Tim Allen. 2.00 FILM: The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (2008) Fantasy adventur sequel, starring Ben Barnes. 4.15 Merry Madagascar 4.35 The Gruffalo's Child 5.05 FILM: Lady and the Tramp (1955) Premiere Disney animated adventure. 6.20 BBC News; Weather 6.45 BBC Regional News;

- 6.45 FILM: A Christmas Carol (2009) Premiere. A Victorian miser is visited by a series of ahosts on Christmas Eve who try to make him change his ways. Animated fantasy, with Jim Carrey and Gary Oldman.

  8.15 Merlin The wizard comes
- face to face with his destiny Last in the series
- 9.00 EastEnders Max and Tanya call off the wedding.

  9.35 Outnumbered The
- Brockmans throw a party fo their friends and neighbours
- 10.15 Mrs Brown's Boys New series. The first of two festive editions of the comedy. 10.45 The Vicar of Dibley Geraldine attends three
- Christmas lunches 11.30 BBC News: Weather Cathedral Live service from St Anne's Cathedral in Leeds. 1.05 FILM: Serendipity (2001)
- Romantic drama, starring Kate Beckinsale and John Cusack. 2.30 Weatherview 2.35 BBC News

### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.15 CBBC 9.10 FILM: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Chris Sarandon. 10.20 FILM: Who Framed Roger Rabbit (1988) Comedy mixing live action and animation, starring Bob Hoskins. 11.55 The Great British Bake Off 11.55 The Great British Bake Off Masterclass 12.55 Wartime Farm Christmas 1.55 Springwatch Guide to Otters 2.55 Equestrian 3.55 FILM: Nativity! (2009) Comedy, starring Martin Freeman. 5.35 Dad's Army

- Dad's Army 6.15 Carols from King's Music and readings from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, including Once in Royal David's City, In the Bleak Midwinter, Silent Night and Hark! The
- Herald Angels Sing.
  7.30 Morecambe & Wise: Song and Dance Penelope Keith presents a look through the archives at the music routines from the comedy duo's shows, showcasing the best ones and revealing the stories behind
- 8.30 Open All Hours Nurse Gladys poses as a customer. 9.00 Porridge The inmates plan a
- Christmas escape.

  9.40 Ronnie Barker: The Many
- Faces Of A profile of the comedy actor and writer.

  10.40 The Two Ronnies: The Studio Recordinas Unedited takes from the comedy show.
- 11.10 Being Ronnie Corbett
  Documentary charting the
  comedian's long career.
  12.10 Ql 12.40 An Island Parish 1.10 FILM: The Tuttles of Tahiti (1942) Comedy, starring Charles Laughton. 2.40 Close

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6.00 CITV 8.00 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Cyber Chase (2001) Animated advent Animated adventure, with the voice of Bob Bergen 9.25 FILM: Dennis (1993) Slapstick comedy, starring Walter Matthau. 11.05 Dinner Date 12.10 ITV News; Weather 12.30 The Chase 1.30 Doc Martin 3.30 Rod Stewart's Christmas 4.45 FILM: The Grinch (2000) Fantasy

- FILM: The Grinch (2000) Fantasy comedy, starring Jim Carrey. 6.40 ITV News; Weather 7.00 Emmerdale Cameron takes drastic steps to deal with his hostage after a chase through the woods, while Alicia finds a bracelet David has bought for Priya and assumes it is for her. 7.30 Coronation Street Hour-long
- episode. Leanne has mixed emotions at her hen party, David causes further problems in his marriage by humiliating Kylie, and Tyrone plans to celebrate Christmas with Fiz. 8.30 Spice Girls' Story: Viva
- Forever! Documentary telling the story of the pop group's rise to fame through interviews with all five members, and looking at the making of the West End musical based on their hit
- songs. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weathe 10.15 Christmas Carols on ITV
  - IO.15 Christmas Carols on ITV
    Aled Jones is joined by
    Coronation Street stars at St
    James Church in Manchester to
    tell the Nativity story, with music
    by Russell Watson, Jonathan and Charlotte and the Soldiers
- 11.15 The Jonathan Ross Show Christmas Special With Michael McIntyre, Sienna Miller and Charlotte Church. 12.45 The Unforgettable Danny La Rue 1.45 Pushing Daisies 2.40 ITV Nightscreen

## **Channel 4**

6.00 The Treacle People 6.10 FILM: The Rugrats Movie (1999) Animated adventure, 7.25 Famous Fred 7.55 Ivor the Invisible 8.20 Fred 755 Ivor the Invisible 8.20
The Art of The Snowman and the
Snowdog 8.30 FILM: Christmas
Carol: The Movie (2001) Animated
drama. 10.05 The Big Bang Theory
11.00 FILM: The Muppet
Christmas Carol (1992) Puppet
comedy. 12.40 The Simpsons 1.45
Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas
Dinner 2.50 FILM: Home Alone 2:
Lost in New York (1992) 5.05 The
Simpsons 5.40 Hollyoaks
6.10 Channel 4 News

- 6.10 Channel 4 News
- 6.25 4thought.tv 6.30 Heston's Fantastical Christmas A festive feast, including edible decorations Last in the series.
- Last in the series.
  7.30 Ice Age: A Mammoth
  Christmas Festive spin-off of
  the animated films, with the
  voice of John Leguizamo.
  8.00 The Snowman and the
- Snowdog Animated sequel. 8.30 Stephen Fry: Gadget Man Christmas Special The actor
- explores links between
  Christmas and technology.

  9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas
  Special With Sarah Millican and Wilkinson
- 10.00 Peep Show Dobby is offered a job in New York by her ex-boyfriend. Last in the series. 10.30 Friday Night Dinner The boys' other Grandma ruins
- 11.05 The Inbetweeners Carli
- organises a fashion show.

  11.40 The Inbetweeners Simon tries to impress a girl.

  12.15 The Inbetweeners 2.15 Rude Tube Special 2010 4.05 Made in Chelsea 5.00 90210 5.40 The Hoobs 5.55 The Treacle People

## Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.40 The Family Recipe 9.50 Dallas 10.40 Once Upon a Time 12.35 FILM: Mistletoe Over Manhattan (2011) Christmas fantasy, starring Tricia Helfer and Greg Bryk. 2.25 FILM: Trading Christmas (2011)

Premiere. Romantic comedy. 4.10 FILM: Scrooge – A Christmas Carol (1951) 6.00 Rolf's Animal Christmas

Rolf Harris revisits some of the most memorable stories of the year from Rolf's Animal Clinic, revealing how some of the patients fared after they returne

home following treatment.

7.00 World's Biggest Pets
Documentary about the devowners of large animals, including a man in Texas who has a pet bison and a Newcastle woman with a Burmese python capable of eating her whole; 5 News Update 8.00 A Right Royal Year A look at

how the royal family has fared in 2012, including the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the announcement that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are expecting their first child; 5 News at 9

9.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker The truckers deliver a consignment of reindeer for a Christmas parade.

10.00 FILM: The Thomas Crown Affair (1999) A billionaire with a

taste for burglary meets his taste for burgiary meets his match in a cunning investigator, and begins a whirlwind romance. Crime adventure remake, with Pierce Brosnan.

12.15 NCIS 1.15 SuperCasino 3.55 House Doctor 4.20 HouseBusters 4.45 Great Artists 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge

#### **Movie Choices**

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE (1946) A hard-working, small-town businessman comes to think his life has been a complete waste of time and tries to commit suicide. At the last minute, his guardian angel pays him a visit and makes him realise his true worth by

pays him a visit and makes him realise his true worth by showing him what would have happened to those around him had he never been born. Frank Capra's fantasy drama, starring James Stewart. Sky Movies Classics 7.00-9.15pm

THE TREE OF LIFE (2011) A boy growing up in 1950s Texas grows up to become a disillusioned adult. On the anniversary of his brother's death, he questions his relationship with his stern father, his place in the modern world and the meaning of human existence. Terrence Malick's drama, starring Brad Pitt. Sky Movies Indie 7:30-10pm

WHITE CHRISTMAS (1954) A pair of inghtclub entertainers try to boost the popularity of an old friend's winter resort by staging a series of extravagant shows, with a little help from their former army buddies and a talented singing sister act. Bing Crosby stars. Sky Movies Classics 9, 15-11.30pm

THE THIM RED LIME (1998) The personal stories of American soldiers sent to fight

The personal stories of American soldiers sent to fight on the Pacific island of Guadalcanal during the Second World War. The men, among them a former deserter, are forced to confront their fears and beliefs during a bitter conflict for control of a key airfield. Terrence Malick's Second World War drama, starring Sean Penn. Sky Movies Indie 10pm-1am

# Satellite & Digital

SKY1 10.30 Futurama 4.30 Michael Buble: Home for the Holidays 5.30 Alison Steadman's Little Cracker 6.00 Omid Djallif's Little Cracker 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 Futurama 7.30 The Simpsons 9.00 Trollied 10.00 A League of Their Own: Best Bits 11.00 An Idiot Abroad 3: A Commentary 12.00 Fringe 1.00 Brit Cops: Zero Tolerance 2.00 Road Wars 3.45

Thightscreen
Street Crine UK 4.10 Don't Forget the
Lyrics 5.00 Airline
SKY ATLANTIC 10.00 The X Files
11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 12.00 Star
Trek: Voyager 1.00 ER 2.00 House 4.00
Star Trek: Voyager 5.00 Seinfeld 5.30
David Attenborough's Flying Monsters
7.00 House 8.00 Walking and Talking 8.30
Jo Brand's Little Cracker 9.00 Richard E
Grant's Hotel Secrets 10.00 Uncle
Wormsley's Christmas 10.45 FilLM: Too

Big to Fail (2011) 12.40 How to Make It in America 1.15 Barbara Windsor's Little Cracker 1.30 FILM: You Don't Know Jack (2010) 4.05 ER 5.00 Star Trek: Voyager BBC3 7.00 Top Gear India Special 8.30 FILM: Ratatoulie (2007) 10.10 Merry Madagascar 10.30 EastEnders 11.00 Russell Howard's Good News 11.30 Family Guy 1.45 Him & Her: The Christmas Special 2.15 Good News 2.45 Don't Tell the Bride 3.45 Close BBC4 7.00 Top of the Pops: 1977 7.50

Top of the Pops 8.00 Norman Wisdom:
His Story 9.00 Nigel Slater: Life is Sweets
10.00 Ultimate Number 1s at the BBC
11.05 Top of the Pops: 1977 11.55 Arena:
Amy Winehouse – The Day She Came to
Dingle 12.55 Barry Manilow at the BBC
1.55 Ultimate Number 1s at the BBC 2.55
Tom Jones at the BBC 3.55 Close
1TV2 8.50 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of
Here Nowl Top Trials 9.55 Britain's Got
More Tailent: Ail Stars 11.00 Emmerdale
11.30 Coronation Street 12.00 FILM:

Beethoven (1991) 1.50 FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) 3.45 Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records 4.15 The Xtra Factor: Girls Beet & Worst Ever 5.15 The Xtra Factor: Girls Beet & Worst Ever 6.15 Flex Virue Been Framed at Christmast 7.15 FlLM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 9.00 FILM: Fast & Furious (2009) 11.15 A Celebrity Julicemas Carol 12.15 FILM: American Pie Presents Band Camp (2005) 2.05 Benidorm 2.55 Coronation Street 3.45 Girlfri3nds 4.35 Gossip Girl

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#### Call the Midwife, **BBC1, 7.30pm**

When Miranda Hart first took up a role alongside the likes of Pam Ferris and Judy Parfitt in this fantastic-looking period drama, many tuned in purely to see how the comic would fare in something so serious. Actually, she did rather well, and since the last time the girls appeared on our screens, the show's become appreciated over the pond with one American publication stating that the cast is 'marvellous' and the set pieces 'meticulously recreated'. Well, luckily for us, we get another dose of the drama in this Christmas special, in which an abandoned baby is discovered at the convent. The community rallies round to make sure the little one is looked after, but the more pressing matter is discovering who the mother is and why she left him there. As investigations get underway Jenny gets embroiled in the mystery that surrounds a semi-vagrant local woman Meanwhile, Chummy goes to great lengths to put on a truly memorable children's Nativity play. For those who prefer to get a few laughs out of our Miranda, fear not – the Beeb is treating us to a few episodes of her sitcom over the festive period.

## BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 The Gruffalo 9.25 Peter Rabbit's Christmas Tale9.50 First Flight 10.00 Christmas Day Eucharist 11.00 Only Fools and Horses 12.05 BBC News 12.13 Weather 12.15 Shrek the Halls 12.40 FILM: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2008) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Stiller. 2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas 3.00 The Queen 3.10 Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Mike Myers. 4.35 Room on the Broom 5.00 BBC News: Weather 5.15 Doctor Who

Christmas Special JLS's
Jonathan "JB" Gill, ex-footballer
Fabrice Muamba, comics Bobby Ball and Katy Brand, actress Sheila Hancock and presenter

Helen Skelton compete with seven former contestants.

7.30 Call the Midwife A baby is found on the convent steps, prompting a race to find his mother. Jenny gets caught up in the mystery surrounding a local vagrant woman and Chummy stages a nativity play. 8.45 EastEnders Derek plots to

ruin Max's Christmas festivities 9.45 The Royle Family Christmas Special Dave comes

up with an idea worthy of Dragons' Den. 10.45 BBC News

11.00 The Vicar of Dibley Alice suggests an unconventional

nativity play.

11.40 On Christmas Night

11.45 Have I Got a Bit More
News for You Christmas

12.30 FILM: Cold Mountain (2003) 3.00 BBC News

## BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 8.45 Attenborough's Egg Hunt 9.45 Attenborough's Ark: Natural World Special 10.45 Carols from King's 12.00 FILM: On the Town (1949) Musical, starring Gene Kelly, Fran Sinatra and Jules Munshin. 1.35 FILM: Singin' in the Rain (1952) Musical comedy, starring Gene Kelly, 3.15 Cenerentola 5.15 The en 5.25 Arena: Sister Wendy

and the Art of the Gospel
6.25 50 Years of Bond Cars: A
Top Gear Special Richard
Hammond celebrates the vehicles featured in the Bond films, chats to Daniel Craig and Roger Moore and attempts to turn a Lotus Esprit into a fully

working submarine car. 7.30 Dad's Army The vicar holds a fundraising bazaar. Last in the

8.00 Blackadder's Christmas Carol Comic version of the classic tale, starring Rowan

8.45 The Choir: A Year with the Military Wives Gareth Malone talks to members of the vocal group he started in February 2011, hearing of their great success since and how their lives have changed.

9.45 QI XL Extended version of

9.45 QI XL Extended version of the Christmas special, with Sarah Millican and Danny Baker 10.30 The Sarah Millican Television Programme Christmas Special With Hugh

Bonneville and Shane Richie 11.00 The Christmas No 1 Story The battle for the chart-topping

festive single.

12.00 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas
2012 1.30 FILM: The Hunchback of Notre Dame (1939) Medieval drama. 3.20 Close

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6.00 CITV 7.55 FILM: Scooby-Doo and the Alien Invaders (2000) Animated adventure. voice of Jeff Bennett. 9.25 FILM: Aladdin (1992) Disney Nation's Favourite Christmas Song 12.40 Text Santa: One More Time 1.15 ITV News: Weather 1.25 FILM: 1.15 IIV News; Weather 1.25 FILM Toy Story (1995) Pixar animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. 3.00 The Queen 3.10 FILM: Tangled (2010) Premiere. Disney animated comedy, with the

voice of Mandy Moore, 5.00 New You've Been Framed! Christmas 5.30 Emmerdale .00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas The

comedian helps out at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home during the run-up to Christmas and meets some of the animals staying there over the festive period. 7.00 Emmerdale Cameron buries

the body. 7.30 Coronation Street Hour-long enisode Leanne visits Peter on

her wedding day.

8.30 ITV News; Weather

8.45 Downton Abbey Robert and his family make their annual summer visit to his Scottish summer visit to his Scottish cousins at Duneagle Castle, while at Downton, Carson faces the task of keeping the servants focused on work.

10.45 FILM: Couples Retreat

(2009) Premiere, Four couples sign up for relationship therapy on a tropical island, but the treatment only serves to drive them apart. Comedy, starring Vince Vaughn.

12.55 Christmas Carols on ITV 1.55 Pushing Daisies 2.45 ITV Nightscreer

## **Channel 4**

6.05 Little Wolf 6.30 Lost and ound 6.55 Father Christmas 7.25 The Art of The Snowman and the Snowdog 7.30 The Simpsons 8.20 FILM: Horton Hears a Who!
(2008) Animated comedy, feature
the voice of Jim Carrey. 10.00
Gordon's Christmas Cookalong Live 1.55 The Snowman and the Snowdog 2.25 FILM: Scrooged Snowdog 2.25 FILM: Scrooged (1988) Christmas comedy, starring Bill Murray. 4.20 The Alternative Christmas Message 4.25 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner 5.30 Channel 4 News 5.35 4thought.tv 5.40 FILM: The Lord

4thought. V 5.40 FILM: I he Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring (2001) Fantasy adventure, starring Elijah Wood. 9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special The host presents a festive edition, joined by McFly, his house band for the night, along with chart toppers JLS, Dragons' Den panellist Hilary Devey and actor David

10.00 Rude Tube Alex Zane presents a countdown of 50 festive internet clips, featuring the world's worst and sexiest Santas, some rather alternative carols and a memorable Christmas surprise

11.05 C4's 30 Greatest Comedy Shows Celebrating some of the station's most impressive

comedy series.

1.05 FILM: Airplane! (1980) Spoof disaster movie. 2.35 David Blaine: What Is Magic? 3.20 KOTV Boxing Weekly 3.45 Extreme Sailing Series 4.15 Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Body Building 4.20 Ultimate Frisbee 4.25 International Vollevball 5.20 Sali Mali 5.25 FILM: Firehouse Dog (2007) Family comedy, starring Josh Hutcherson.

## Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 8.55 Inside Hollywood 9.00 FILM: Gone with the Wind (1939) Epic romantic drama, starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable. 1.15 FILM: Ben-Hur (1959) A Jewish prince is betrayed by his Roman friend and sold into slavery, but returns years later to seek revenge. Oscar-winning epic starring Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd. **5.25 FILM: The** Santa Incident (2010) Premiere. Comedy, starring Greg Germann and Ione Skye. 7.05 Eddie Stobart's Christmas

Cracker Festive edition of the documentary series, in which the company's truckers deliver huge Christmas tree to a Cambridge hospital and a consignment of reindeer for a parade; 5 News Update

3.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks

Trailers and Tinsel The company's truckers struggle to deliver Christmas trees, turkeys and children's toys during fierce blizzards in time for the start of the vuletide season: 5 News at 9

9.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas
Delivery Festive edition of the
documentary, in which the company's truckers battle winte conditions to ensure shops and councils receive their supply of

Christmas trees and salt.

10.00 Greatest Christmas TV

Moments Countdown of 50
festive TV highlights, featuring Gavin & Stacey, Morecambe and Wise, Only Fools and

Horses, Wallace and Gromit, Doctor Who, Top of the Pops and The Royle Family. 1.00 SuperCasino 3.55 House Doctor 4.20 HouseBusters 4.45 Great Artists 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge

## **Movie Choices**

HARRY POTTER AND THE DEATHLY HALLOWS PART 2 (2011) The wizard continues his search for the artefacts containing fragments of the dark lord Voldemort's soul. Time is running out, as the evil sorcerer is aware of his mission, and marshals his mission, and marshas his forces for a final, devastating attack on Harry and his friends at Hogwarts school. Conclusion of the fantasy saga, with Daniel Radcliffe. Sky Movies Modern Greats 1.30.3 45pm SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE

(1998) The Elizabethan dramatist suffers from writer's (1996) The Elizaberhan dramatist suffers from writer's block while working on his new play, and to make matters worse creditors are about to close down the theatre. But when a noblewoman disguises herself as a man to fulfil her dream of appearing on stage, the Bard becomes enchanned by her and is inspired to pen the most famous love story of all time. Comedy, with Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow, Judi Dench, Ben Affleck, Geoffrey Rush, Martin Clunes and Tom Wilkinson, Sky Movies Drama & Romance 10pm-12.15am PULP FICTION (1994) A series of Interlinked stories series of interlinked stories about the Los Angeles underworld. A hitman plays minder to his boss's wife, and he and his partner deal with a dead body following a mishap with a gun. Meanwhile, a washed-up boxer goes on the run after refusing to throw a fight, and two lovers plot a hold up in a diner. Quentin Tarantino's crime drama starring John Travolta, Samuel L Jackson, Uma Thurman, Bruce Willis and Tim Roth. **Sky** 

Nanny McPhee (2005) 1.00 Emmerdale
1.25 Coronation Street 2.25 You've Been Framed at Christmasl 3.30 The Xtra Factor: Groups Beet & Worst Ever 4.30 The Xtra Factor: Groups Beet & Worst Ever 4.30 The Xtra Factor: Overs Beet & Worst Ever 5.30 The Xtra Factor: Overs Beet & Worst Ever 6.35 FiLM: Jurassic Park (1993) 9.00 FILM: The Bourne Identity (2002) 11.20 A Celebrity Julicemas Carol Chapter 2 12.20 FILM: American Pie Presents: The Naked Mile (2005) 2.20 Benidorm 3.10 Coronation Street

Movies Indie 10pm-12.40am

## Satellite & Digital

SKY1 9.30 Jane Horrocks' Little Cracker 9.45 Shappi Khorsandi's Little Cracker 10.00 Skellig 12.00 Futurama 1.00 The Simpsons 3.00 The Queen 3.10 The Simpsons 3.40 The Hobbit: Premiere Special 4.00 The Simpsons 4.30 Robbie Williams Live: Take the Crown 6.00 All Star Christmas Presents 7.30 A Very JLS Christmas 9.00 An Idiot Abroad 3 12.00

1. 3.20 Close

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Piri Cops: Zero Tolerance 1.55 Road Wars

Xmas Special 3.45 Street Crime UK

SKY ATLANTIC 9.00 Seinfeld 10.00

FILM: Grey Gardens (2009) 12.00 Making

of David Attenborough's Kingdom of

Plants 1.00 David Attenborough's

Kingdom of Plants 4.00 Making of David

Attenborough's Bachelor King 5.00 The

Bachelor King 6.30 Sheridan Smiths Little

Cracker 6.45 Meera Syal's Little Cracker

7.00 Uncle Worrnsley's Christmas 7.45

Julian Barratt's Little Cracker 8.00 Walking

and Talking 8.30 Dawn French's Little Cracker 8.45 Stephen Fry's Little Cracker 9.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets 10.00 Alan Partridge: Welcome to the Places of My Life 11.00 Julia Davis Little Cracker 11.35 Kathy Burke's Little Cracker 11.30 Uncle Wormsley's Christmas 12.15 Mad Men 1.15 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets 2.15 Barbara Windsor's Little Cracker 2.30 Kathy Burke's Cracker 2.30 Kathy Burke's Little Cracker BBC3 7.00 First Flight 7.10 Shrek the Halls 7.30 FILM: Kung Fu Panda (2008)

Sh Futcherson. I Challenge
8.55 FILM: The Incredibles (2004) 10.45
EastEnders 11.45 Family Guy 12.25
American Dadl 1.55 Pramface
BBC4 700 A Musical Nativity 8.00 Swan
Lake 10.15 Top of the Pops: 1977 11.05
...Sings Bee Gees 11.35 FILM: One Touch
of Venus (1948) 12.55 James Bond 50th
Anniversary Gala Concert 2.25 ...Sings
Bee Gees 2.55 Rome: A History of the
Eternal City 3.55 Close
ITV2 10.00 Britain's Got More Talent:
Kids and Pets Unleashed 11.05 FILM:



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Miranda, BBC1, 9pm Such fun! That's not just one of this sitcom's catchphrases it's also a pretty good explanation of why, following a relatively fanfare-free launch on BBC Two, it's gone on to become a huge hit. It seems that after years of dark, edgy comedies, we really wanted something light and fluffier, where people regularly fall over, and the cast wave to us over the closing credits. Miranda also has what every feel-good sitcom needs - a will-they-won't-they romance between our accident-prone heroine and her handsome chef pal Gary (Tom Ellis). As this new series begins, they are still pretending they are just good friends, but can their relationship really remain completely platonic?
Meanwhile, Penny (Patricia Hodge) is threatening to cancel her daughter's Christmas if she doesn't start sorting her life out - and apparently, the first step towards turning Miranda into a high-flier is a detox. If that goes well, maybe she'll be able to follow Stevie's (Sarah Hadland) lead and bag herself an executive job. Maybe this will even be the day Miranda finally does something to make herself feel proud. Or then again, maybe not

## BBC1

Panto 2012: Jack and the Beanstalk 9.45 Room on the Beanstalk 9.49 Hoom on the Broom 10.10 The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper 10.25 FILM: Cars (2006) Pixar animated adventure, with the voices of Owen Wilson and Paul Newman. 12.15 BBC News 12.30 Pagingal Nature West vs: Weather 12.40 M Stink 1.40 FILM: Happy Feet (2006) Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood. 3.20 FILM: Enchanted (2007) Fanta comedy, starring Amy Adams. 5.00 FILM: How to Train Your Dragon (2010) Premiere. Animated comedy

(2010) Premiere. Animated cor with the voice of Jay Baruchel. 6.30 BBC News; Weather 6.45 BBC Regional News;

Weather
6.50 FILM: Alice in Wonderland (2010) Premiere. A 19-year-old Alice returns to the magical world she visited as a child to find a tyrannical queen has taken over. Fantasy adventure with Mia Wasikowska and

Johnny Depp.
8.30 EastEnders Max insists the Brannings get their stories straight before the police arrive 9.00 Miranda New series. The

comedy series returns with a festive special

festive special.

9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes vows to make her nativity play unforgettable.

10.00 BBC News; Weather 10.20 The National Lottery 10.20 The National Lottery
Wednesday Night Draws
10.25 Match of the Day Including
highlights of Manchester United
v Newcastle United.
12.00 FILM: Blades of Glory
(2007) Les pletting councils the size.

(2007) Ice-skating comedy, starring Will Ferrell. 1.25 Weatherview 1.30 BBC News

#### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart 10.00 Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild 11.00 John Wilson on Broadway Uncut 1.10 Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood 2. FILM: An American in Paris (1951) Romantic musical, starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. 4.30 Final Score 5.30 FILM: Miss Final Score 5.30 FILM: Miss Potter (2006) Biographical period drama, starring Renee Zellweger. 7.00 Morecambe & Wise: Song and Dance Penelope Keith presents a look through the

archives at the music routines from the comedy duo's shows, showcasing the best ones and revealing the stories behind

them. 8.00 Blackpool: Big Night Out Documentary looking at the Lancashire seaside resort through the eyes of acts who have performed there, and recalling its heyday as a town at the heart of British entertainment.

9 00 The Girl Drama based on the story of Alfred Hitchcock's obsession with Tippi Hedren, leading lady of his 1963 thriller The Birds. Toby Jones and Sienna Miller star as director

10.30 FILM: Rebecca (1940) The naive second wife of a wealthy Cornish landowner is forced to live in the shadow of her glamorous predecessor Romantic drama, starring Laurence Olivier

12.35 Paul Merton Looks at Alfred Hitchcock 1.35 FILM: Mr and Mrs Smith (1941) Alfred Hitchcock's romantic comedy, with Carole Lombard and Robert Montgomery.

# ITV1

6.00 CITV 9.25 FILM: The Railway Children (1970) Period family drama, starring Jenny Agutter and the late Dinah Sheridan. 11.30 Dinner Date 12.30 ITV News Weather 12.45 FILM: Land of the Lost (2009) Comedy adventure, starring Will Ferrell. 2.25 Spice Girls' Story: Viva Forever! 3.55 This Is Lionel Richie 5.00 ITV News; Is Lionel Hichie 5.0011V News; Weather 5.15 FILM: Toy Story 2 (1999) Animated sequel, with the voice of Tom Hanks. 7.00 Emmerdale Debbie loses it and tries to run Cameron over,

Edna feels increasingly isolated following the burglary, and Alicia tells Jacob her relationship with David has ended.

7.30 Coronation Street Kylie wakes up with another man and begs him to pretend nothing happened, Jenna tells Sally and Sophie that Kevin made a pass at her, while Nick and Leanne face the future.

8.00 That Dog Can Dance!

Christine Bleakley hosts a oneoff talent show in which contestants and their pets perform in front of Sharon Osbourne, Bill Bailey and Ashleigh Butler. 9.00 Doors Open A millionaire, a

JO DOO'S Open A millionaire, a professor and a banker undertake an audacious art heist. Thriller based on the book by lan Rankin, starring Douglas Henshall, Stephen Fry and Kenneth Collard.

11.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather 11.15 FILM: Atonement (2007)

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Romantic period drama.
1.25 Celebrity Who Wants to Be a
Millionaire? Pantomime Special
2.20 FILM: Every Which Way But
Loose (1978) 4.15 ITV

# **Channel 4**

7.10 Wilde Stories 7.35 The Art of The Snowman and the Snowdog 7.40 According to Jim 8.10 7.40 According to Jim 8.10 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.40 The Morning Line 9.40 FILM: Valiant (2005) Computer-animate adventure, with the voice of Ewan McGregor, 11.10 The Simpsons 12.15 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner 1.15 Channel 4 Christmas Dinner 1.15 Channel Racing 3.40 FILM: Turner & Hooch (1989) Family canine comedy. 5.40 The Simpsons 6.10 Hollyoaks Christmas Day arrives, and the McQueens

arrives, and the McQueen's discover a baby has been abandoned in their garden. Jacqui makes a heart-breaking discovery, and Myra hears about Carmel's disastrous date. 6.40 Channel 4 News

6.50 4thought.tv 6.55 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (2002) Frodo and Sam's quest to destroy the ring brings more peril when they come face to face with its former owner. Part two of the fantasy trilogy, starring Elijah Wood and Sean

Astin.

10.30 FILM: The Girl with the

Dragon Tattoo (2009) Premiere. hacker are hired to investigate a suspicious death that happened 40 years ago. Mystery thriller, starring Michael Nyqvist and Noomi Rapace.

1.20 FILM: Airplane II: The Seque

(1982) A computer malfunction sends a passenger space shuttle hurtling toward the sun, while a mad bomber is also on board. Disaster movie spoof sequel, with Robert Hays. **2.45** The Good Wife **3.25** St Elsewhere **4.15** 90210 **5.35** Deal or No Deal

# **Channel 5**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.40 The Family Recipe 9.50 Dallas 10.40 Cowboy Builders 11.40 Once Upon a Time 12.40 FILM: The Greatest Story Ever Told (1965) The story of the life of Jesus, from His birth to eventual betrayal by disciple Judas Iscariot and His death by crucifixion. Biblical drama, with Max von Sydow, 4.30 FILM: Will You Merry Me? (2008) Premiere. Comedy, with Tommy Lioutas. 6.15 Rolf's Animal Christmas Rolf Harris revisits some of the

most memorable stories of the vear from Rolf's Animal Clinic. revealing how some of the patients fared after they return home following treatment. 7.10 TV's 50 Greatest Magic

Tricks TV illusionists have been sawing ladies in half, catching bullets between their teeth bullets between their teeth, reading minds and performing feats of escapology for decades Channel 5 counts down the best, including the astonishing set-pieces of Penn and Teller, set-pieces of Penn and Teller, the mind-bending of Derren Brown and the street magic of David Blaine. It features spectacular illusions, such as making the Statue of Liberty disappear, intimate card tricks disappear, intimate care tricks and the lighter side of the business, thanks to the inclusion of comedy great Tommy Cooper 10.00 Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2012 Countdown of

woments 2012 Coultidown of the year's biggest showbiz stories, including Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes's divorce and Kristen Stewart's affair with director Rupert Sanders. 12.55 SuperCasino 3.55 House Doctor 4.20 HouseBusters 4.45 Great Artists 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge

**Movie Choices** 

BATMAN (1989) The masked avenger stalks the streets of Gotham City, waging a nightly war against the criminal element. However, he may have met his match when the city's crime syndicate is taken over by the crazed Joker, who plans to poison the populace with toxic chemicals. Tim Burton's comic book adventure, starring Michael Keaton, Jack Nicholson and Kim Basinger. Sky Movies Action & Adventure 4.40-

6.50pm
THE FIGHTER (2010) Fact-based drama about boxer Micky Ward. He is initially trained by his brother, a former fighter who lost everything through drug addiction. Micky is persuaded to sever ties with his family after a series of disastrous fights, but when a shot at the world championship title presents itself, the brothers must reconcile to rise to the challenge. With Mark Wahlberg, Amy Adams and Oscar-winning performances from Christian Bale and Melissa Leo. Sky Movies Indie 6.15-8.15pm WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S ROMEO + JULIET (1996) A city is divided by the conflict between two feuding families – the fathers are bitter business rivals, and the younger generation are continually feuting in the property of 6.50pm THE FIGHTER (2010) Fact-

and the younger generation are continually fighting in the streets. The son of one household falls in love at first sight with his enemy's daughter - but the vendetta threatens their secret romance. Baz Ineir secret romance. Baz Luhrmann's modern update of Shakespeare's tragic love story, with Leonardo DiCaprio, Claire Danes, Pete Postlethwaite and Miriam Margolyes. Sky Movies Drama & Romance 8.00-10pm

Torama & Homance 8.00-10pm

TTV2 9.50 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now: Hall of Fame 10.50 Britain's Got More Talent: All Singing All Dancing 11.50 FILM: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) 2.00 FILM: The Grinch (2000) 4.00 Emmerdale 5.05 Coronation Street 6.05 You've Been Framedl 7.10 FILM: Jurassic Park III (2001) 9.00 FILM: Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) 11.45 Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special 12.45 Lemon La Vida Loca 3.25 Benidorm 4.15 Girlfri3nds

## Satellite & Digital

SKY1 10.00 Jason Manford's Little Cracker 10.30 Paul O'Grady's Little Cracker 11.00 Dyna Moran's Little Cracker 11.30 Katy Brand's Little Cracker 12.00 Sharon Horgan's Little Cracker 12.30 Brit Cops: Zero Tolerance 2.20 Road Wars 3.45 Street Crime UK 4.10 So You Think You're Safe at Christmas? 5.00 Brainiac's Test Tube Baby

SKY ATLANTIC 9.00 David
Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 12.00
House 1.00 FILM: Wit (2001) 3.00 Uncle
Wormsley's Christmas 3.45 Julian
Barratt's Little Cracker 4.00 Bill Bailey's
Little Cracker 4.15 Shappi Khorsandi's
Little Cracker 4.15 Cracker 1.15 Little
Cracker 4.45 Alan Davies's Little Cracker 5.00
Dawn French's Little Cracker 5.30 Jane
Horrock's Little Cracker 5.45 Sanjeev
Bhaskar's Little Cracker 6.00 FILM:

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Temple Grandin (2010) 8.00 Walking and Talking 8.30 Johnny Vegas's Little Cracker 8.45 Victoria Wood's Little Cracker 9.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets 10.00 Hemingway & Gellhorn 12.55 Blue Bloods BBC3 7.00 The Madagascar Penguins in a Christmas Caper 7.10 Merlin 8.00 Doctor Who 9.00 FILM' A Christmas Carol (2009) 10.30 Him & Her: The Christmas Special 11.00 EastEnders 11.30 Family Guy 12.10 American Dad! 2.00 Some Girls 3.30 Impractical Jokers 4.00 Close

BBC4 7.00 The Two Thousand Year Old Computer 8.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2012: The Modern Alchemist 9.00 Moorminand Tales: The Life of Tove Jansson 10.00 Legends: Roy Orbison – The "Big O" in Britain 11.00 Neil Diamond: Hot August Night 12.00 Arena: Magical Mystery Tour Revisited 1.00 FilLM: Magical Mystery Tour (1967) 1.55 Moorminland Tales: The Life of Tove Jansson 2.55 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2012 3.55 Close

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## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast **8.00** Match of the Day **9.30 FILM: The Thief Lord** (2005) Fantasy adventure, starrir Aaron Johnson, 11.00 FILM: 101 Dalmatians (1996) Disney comed adventure remake, starring Glenn Close. 12.40 BBC News 12.55 Regional News; Weather 1.00 My Family 1.50 Donkey's Carolling Christmas-tacular 2.00 FILM: Bolt Christmas-tacular 2.00 FILM: Bott (2008) Animated adventure, with the voice of John Travolta. 3.25 FILM: Monsters vs Aliens (2009) Animated sci-fi comedy. 4.50 Dragons; Gift of the Night Fury 5.15 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out 5 40 Pointless Celebrities 6.30 BBC News; Weather 6.45 BBC Regional News;

7.00 Celebrity Mastermind New series. With Val McDermid,

Hannah Cockroft, Lizo Mzimba and Crissy Rock. 7.30 Have I Got News for You 2012 A compilation of highlights m the past year. Last in series 8.00 EastEnders Tanya demands to know everything about Max's

9.00 Restless A woman reveals her secret past as a British spy to her daughter, and why she believes her life is now in danger. First of a two-part espionage thriller, starring Hayley Atwell. 10.30 BBC News

10.45 Regional News; Weather 10.55 Coldplay: MX World Tour 2012 Documentary following the band's Mylo Xyloto world tour.

Thriller, with Keanu Reeves.

1.55 Skiing Weatherview 2.00 Sign Zone: Snow Babies 3.00 Wartime Farm Christmas 4.00 See Hear 4.30 BBC News

## BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.00 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart 10.00 Attenborough: 60 Years in the Wild 11.00 FILM: Viva Knievel! (1977) Motorcycling adventure, starring Evel Knievel. **12.45** Racing from Chepstow **3.05 FILM: Secretariat** (2010) Premiere. Factpased drama, starring Diane Lane 4.55 Nature's Weirdest Events 5.55 FILM: The Cockleshell Heroes (1955) Fact-based Second World War drama, with Jose Ferrer. 7.30 Dad's Army Captain

Mainwaring proves he is a softie at heart by organising a Christmas treat for the senior citizens of Walmington-on-Sea Last in the series.

8.00 Racing Legends: Stirling Moss New series. Celebrity car enthusiasts pay tribute to British driving greats and re-enact one of their most famous races, beginning with Patrick Stewart's profile of Striling Moss. 9.00 World's Most Dangerous

Roads New series, Comedy actor Angus Deayton and broadcaster Mariella Frostrup brave broken bridges and flimsy ferries as they drive up Madagascar's eastern coast

10.00 Mock the Week Dara O Briain presents out-takes and highlights from the comedy show in which panellists take a romp through world events through stand-up spots and improvised games 11.00 Dragons' Den Christmas

11.00 Dragons' Den Christmas Special Entrepreneurs pitch festive business ideas. 12.00 Ol 12.30 Hebburn 1.00 Twenty Twelve 1.30 FILM: This Land is Mine (1943) Second World War drama. 3.10 BBC News 4.30 Close. 4.30 Close

# ITV1

6.00 CITV 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal 10.25 FILM: Columbo: Requiem for a Falling Star (1973) Hequiem for a Falling Star (1973) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 11.55 Dinner Date 12.50 ITV News; Weather 1.05 Local News; Weather 1.10 FILM: Free Willy 3: The Rescue (1997) Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. 2.50 FILM: Babe (1995) Family comed FILM: Babe (1995) Family com starring James Cromwell. 4.30 Downton Abbey 6.30 Local Tonight; Weather 6.45 ITV News; Weather 7.00 Emmerdale Cameron

destroys the evidence of his crime by setting fire to his van, Katie doubles over in pain and ends up in hospital, while Bernice considers her future in 6.55 4thought.tv 7.00 Mary's Bottom Line An

7.30 All Star Family Fortunes Teams from soap Emmerdale and breakfast programme Daybreak take part in the game show, hoping to land a £30,000

prize for charity.

8.30 Emmerdale Katie undergoes emergency surgery on her

9.00 Panto! Festive comedy drama about a pantomime troupe preparing to perform Dick Whittington. Written by and wnittington. written by and starring John Bishop, with Sheridan Smith, Mark Benton and Chesney Hawkes. 10.30 ITV News; Weather 10.45 FILM: The Holiday (2006)

Two single women from opposite sides of the Atlantic find love after they swap houses over Christmas. Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet and Jude Law. 1.20 Jackpot247 3.00 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle

# Channel 4

**6.25** Close **6.30** The Hoobs **7.20** Wilde Stories **7.45** According to Jim 8.15 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.45 Frasier 9.50 The Big Bang Theory 10.50 The Simpsons 11.50 FILM: Astro Boy (2009) Premiere. Animated sci-fi adventure, with the voice of Freddie Highmore. 1.35 FILM: City of Ember (2008) FILM: City of Ember (2008) Premiere. Fantasy adventure, starring Saoirse Ronan. 3.25 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner 4.25 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Christmas Special 5.30 The

6.00 Hollvoaks Jacqui learns the full extent of Rhys's infidelity
6.30 Channel 4 News

update on retail expert Mary Portas's business producing British-made knickers as the factory tries to meet demand in the run-up to Christmas.
3.00 The Hoarder Next Door

Christmas Special A woman whose vast collection of Christmas decorations is bringing down a ceiling.

9.00 The Restoration Man New oast house into a nine-bedroom

dream nome.

10.00 FILM: Dorian Gray (2009)

A Victorian man sells his soul for eternal youth, and is drawn into a life of debauchery while a painting shows his corrupt true nature. Horror, starring Ben

12.10 FILM: The Girl Who Played with Fire (2009) Premiere. Thriller sequel, starring Noomi Rapace. 2.25 The Good Wife 3.50 FILM: Sunset Boulevard (1950) Drama starring Gloria Swanson. 5.45 90210

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# **Channel 5**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.45 The Family Recipe 9.55 Dallas 10.50 Eddie Stobart: Trucks. Trailers and Tinse 11.50 Once Upon a Time 12.50 FILM: Fiddler on the Roof (1971) Musical, starring Topol. 4.25 FILM: It's Christmas, Carol! (2012)

6.10 World's Biggest Pets Documentary about the devoted owners of large animals, including a man in Texas who has a pet bison and a Newcastle woman with a Burmese python capable of eating her whole

7.05 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery Festive edition of the documentary, in which the company's truckers battle winter conditions to ensure shops and councils receive their supply of Christmas trees and salt; 5 News Update

3.00 World's Strongest Man
2012 Action from the first of five
qualifying heats in Los Angeles,
California, where the top two competitors from this group will progress to the final: 5 News

9.00 FILM: Dirty Dancing (1987)
A dance instructor at a 1960s
resort teaches a naive teenager about self-expression as they perform in an important show Romantic drama, with Patrick

Homantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. 11.05 FILM: You Don't Mess with the Zohan (2008) An Israeli Special Agent makes a fresh start as a New York hair stylist, start as a New York hair stylist but ends up using his skills to defend his neighbourhood. Comedy, with Adam Sandler and Emmanuelle Chriqui. 1.15 SuperCasino 3.55 House Doctor 4.20 HouseBusters 4.45 Great Artists 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge

### **Movie Choices**

THE BRIDGE ON THE RIVER KWAI (1957) A British colonel in a Japanese PoW camp is ordered to build a railway bridge over a river, forging a vital communications link. At first he refuses to obey, but eventually agrees to take the project on – and becomes so obsessed with the task that he creates a dilemma for an American soldier sent to destroy the structure. David Lean's the structure. David Lean's
Oscar-winning Second World
War drama, starring Alec
Guinness, William Holden and
Jack Hawkins. Sky Movies
Classics 1.35-4.35pm
THE KIMC'S SPECH (2010)
The younger son of George V
struggles to cope with an
uncontrollable stammer,
remotities his wife for collect the

struggles to cope with an uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor proves invaluable when a criss places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush and Helena Bonham Carter. Sky Movies Christmas 2, 15-4, 15pm COLLATERAL (2004) A Los Angeles taxt driver picks up a angeles taxi driver picks up a sharp-suited fare and is shocked when a dead body almost plunges through his windscreen during the first stop on the journey. The enigmatic passenger then reveals he is a hitman with four more contracts to carry out before the night is over, and forces the driver to help him. Michael Mann's thriller, starring Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx. **Sky Movies Crime** & **Thriller** 7.00-9pm

Me Out of Here Now! Top Trials 3.55
You've Been Framed! Kids 4.55 FILM:
Beethoven (1991) 6.45 FILM: E.T.: The
Extra-Terrestrial (1982) 9.00 Peter Andre:
My Life 10.00 Celebrity Julice: Text Santa
Christmas Special 10.45 Celebrity Julice:
Corrie v EastEnders Special 11.30
Celebrity Julice: N-Dubz Special 12.15
Celebrity Julice: N-Dubz Special 12.15
Celebrity Julice: Text Santa Christmas
Special 1.00 Benidorm 2.00 A Night with
Beyoncé 3.00 Coronation Street 3.30
Girlfri3nds 4.20 Gossip Girl

## Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 The Middle 6.00 Futurama 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Got to Dance: The Warm Up 9.00 A League of Their Own Christmas Special 10.00 Spy 10.30 Spy: Christmas Special 11.30 Spy: Behind the Scenes 12.00 Brit Cops: Zero Tolerance 1.55 Road Wars 3.45 Street Crime UK 4.10 Don't Forget the Lyrics 5.00 Airline 5.30 Luton Airport

SKY ATLANTIC 10.00 The X Files
11.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 12.00 Star
Trek: Voyager 1.00 ER 2.00 The Petrol
Age 4.00 Star Trek: Voyager 5.00 ER 6.00
House 8.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel
Secrets 9.00 Blue Bloods 10.00 FILM:
Cinema Verite (2011) 11.45 Barbara
Windsor's Little Cracker 12.00 The British
1.00 The Wire 2.15 Love/Lust and Holiday
Feasts 3.15 The British
BBIC3 7.00 Don't Tell the Bride 8.00 Don't
Tell the Bride – Christmas on Ice 9.00

Bad Education 10.30 EastEnders 11.30
Family Guy 1.00 American Dad! 1.40 The
Revolution Will Be Televised 2.40 Bad
Education 3.10 Him & Her: The Christmas
Special 3.40 Close
BBC4.700 The Man Who Discovered
Egypt 8.00 Royal Institution Christmas
Lectures 2012: The Modern Alchemist
9.00 Len Goodman's Dancing Feet: The
British Ballroom Story 10.00 FILM: Strictly
Ballroom (1992) 11.30 Doris Day: Virgin
Territory 12.30 Originals: Tammy Wynette

Til I Can Make It on My Own 1.30
Arena: Screen Goddesses 2.30 Sounds of the 70s 3.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2012: The Modern Alchemist 4.00 Close ITV2 8.35 Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records 9.00 Cheryl: Access All Areas 10.00 The Xtra Factor: Winner's Story 2012 11.00 FILM: Kangaroo Jack (2003) 12.50 Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest Moments 1.50 Emmerdale 2.20 Coronation Street 2.50 I'm a Celebrity Get

# **Mantram of Unification**

The sons of men are one and I am one with them. I seek to love, not hate;

I seek to serve and not exact due service:

I seek to heal, not hurt.

Let pain bring due reward of light and love.

Let the soul control the outer form, and life and all events

and bring to light the love that underlies the happenings of the time.

Let vision come and insight.

Let the future stand revealed.

Let inner union demonstrate and outer cleavages be gone.

Let love prevail.

Let all men love.

(Given to the world by the Master Djwhal Khul; See the Externalisation of the Hierarchy, by Alice A. Bailey, Lucis Press, London, 1957, P142)

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# **Christmas Crossword**

# How will you do on our festive themed puzzle?

- 7) From whence cometh The Child (6)
- 8) Night flickerer (6) 9) Season with lots of it (3)
- 10) One stanza of a Christmas carol (5) 10) One stanza of a Christmas carol (5)
  11) As are trees at home at Christmas (3)
  14) & 23) Bringer of gifts (5, 5)
  15) Not this morning - maybe later? (7)
  17) Ruled by a king on earth (7)
  19) Fun and games on stage for kiddies (5)
  22) Big round object like the sun (3)
  24) On which the gifts might be placed (3)
  27) Soft and cooked just right (6)
  28) Ask visitors to come and enjoy (6)

- 28) Ask visitors to come and enjoy (6)

#### **CLUES DOWN**

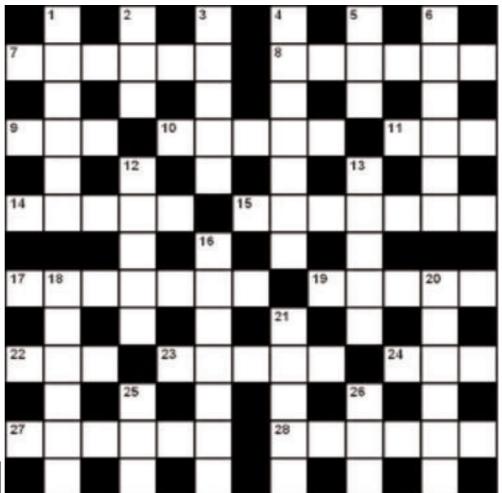
- 1) Looks like a star from earth (6)
- With a prickly companion draped at Christmas (3)
- Frightened the socks off the shepherds (5) Slippery type of entertainment (3, 4) Where no room could be found (3)

- 6) For the bringer of gifts a magical craft (6)
- 12) On which you'll find the dame at 19 (5) 13) Presides at a service (5) 16) Lots of it eaten at Christmas (7)

- From whence the festival came (6)
- 20) Lots for everyone at Christmas (6)
- 21) Carols, bells, all sounding for Christmas (5) 25) Very short poem (3)
- 26) Part of Christmas when kiddies get very excited (3)

DOWN: 1) Nebuls, 2) hy, 3) Angel, 4) Ice 16) Poulhy, 18) Iarael, 20) Treats, 21) Music, 25) Ode, 26) Eve.

SOLUTIONS: ACROSS: 7) Heaven, 8) Candle, Chen, 10) Verse, 11) Lift, 14) & 83) Santa Claus, 15) Tonight, 17) Kingdom, 19) Panto, 22) Orb, 24) Bed, 27) Tender, 28) Invite.



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## **BBC1**

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 FILM: The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (2004) Family edy sequel, starring Anne Hathaway. 10.45 FILM: 102

Dalmatians (2000) Disney family adventure sequel, starring Glenn Close. 12.20 BBC News; Weather 12.35 Regional News; Weather 12.45 My Family 1.35 FILM: Race to Witch Mountain (2009) Sci-fi adventure, starring Dwayne Johnson. 3.10 Legend of the Boneknapper Dragon 3.30 FILM: The Sorcerer's Apprentice (2010) Premiere. Fantasy adventure. 5.10
Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong
Trousers 5.40 Pointless Celebrities

6.30 BBC News 7.00 Celebrity Mastermind With Bobby Friction, Alice Roberts, Ewen Macintosh and Simon

7.30 The One Show on Ice –
Best of 2012 A look back at the
Jubilee Concert warm-up.
8.00 Holby City Ric tells his colleagues he is starting a new

9.00 Restless Eva's 1941 US mission and the subsequent attempt on her life could hold the key to her present difficulties, and Ruth poses as a journalist to meet Lord Romer. 10.30 BBC News

10.35 BBC News; Weather 10.45 Regional News; Weather 10.55 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws 11.00 Take That: Progress Live

11.00 Take That: Progress Live Highlights from the group's concerts at the City of Manchester Stadium. 12.20 Weatherview 12.25 FILM: Sign Zone: Tamara Drewe (2010) 2.05 James May's Toy Stories: Flight Club 3.05 Countryfile 4.05

### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.05 The Great Rift: Africa's Wild Heart The Great Hill. Afficials with fleat in the Wild 11.05 FILM: The Lady Vanishes (1938) Alfred Hitchcock's mystery, with Michael Redgrave. 12.40 FILM: The 39 Steps (1935) Affect Hitchcock's mystery with Michael Redgrave. Alfred Hitchcock's spy thriller, starring Robert Donat. 2.05 FILM: Notorious (1946) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Cary Grant. 3.45 Flog Itl 4.30 FILM: The Four Feathers (2002) 6.30 Nature's Weirdest Events

Part two of two. Chris Packham investigates the disappearance investigates the disappearance of a lake down a hole in Florida and the cause behind thousands of birds falling from the sky in America's south.

7.30 Blackadder the Third The

Duke of Wellington challenges the prince to a duel

McRae Six-time Olympic cycling gold medallist Chris Hoy pays tribute to Colin McRae, and takes on a stage of the RAC Rally, where the driver clinched the world championship in 1995.

9.00 World's Most Dangerous
Roads Hugh Bonneville and Jessica Hynes drive through the former Soviet republic of

10.00 QI First of two compilations of highlights from the J series. 10.30 Andy Parsons – Gruntled Live A show from the comedian's 2011 tour

11.30 Never Mind the Buzzcocks Festive edition of the music quiz.

12.00 Hebburn 12.30 Twenty
Twelve 1.30 FILM: Abbott and
Costello Meet Captain Kidd (1952) Comedy, starring the double act and Charles Laughton. 2.40 BBC News 4.35 Close

# ITV1

6.00 CITV 7.35 FILM: The Perfect Man (2005) Romantic comedy with Hilary Duff and Heathe with Hilary Duri and Heather Locklear. 9.25 Tipping Point 10.25 May the Best House Win – Viva Espana 11.20 Dinner Date 12.25 ITV News; Weather 12.40 Local News; Weather 12.45 FILM: Doc Hollywood (1991) Comedy, starring Michael J Fox. 2.45 FILM: Family comedy sequel, with Magda Szubanski. 4.30 FILM: Peter Pan (2003) Fantasy adventure, with

leremy Sumpter. 6.35 Local News: Weather 6.45 ITV News; Weather
7.00 Emmerdale Declan steels
himself to tell Katie she is

7.30 Coronation Street Kylie plans a new life for herself and Max.

8.00 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates camcorder calamities. 3.30 The Corrie Years Memorable

Christmas storvlines on Coronation Street 9.00 All New It'll Be Alright on

the Night Griff Rhys Jones presents a collection of celebrity bloopers rescued from the cutting-room floor, featuring Ant and Dec, Holly Willoughby and Phillip Schofield among many 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather 10.15 FILM: Gremlins (1984) A

strange, cute creature given to a strange, cute creature given to a teenager as a Christmas present spawns a horde of mayhem-causing little monsters. Comedy horror, starring Zach Galligan and Phoebe Cates. 12.15 Jackpot247 3.00 FILM: Dave (1002) Pu (1993) Political comedy, starring Kevin Kline. **4.50** ITV Nightscreen

# **Channel 4**

**6.25** Sali Mali **6.30** The Treacle People **6.40** The Hoobs **7.05** Wilde Stories 7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond 8.00 Frasier 9.05 The Haymond 8.00 Frasier 9.05 The Big Bang Theory 10.05 The Simpsons 11.05 FILM: Planet 51 (2009) Premiere. Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Dwayne Johnson. 12.45 FILM: Zulu (1964) Jonnson. 12.45 FILM: 2UIU (1964) Fact-based historical drama, starring Michael Caine. 3.30 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner 4.30 The Simpsons 5.25 Hollyoaks 6.00 Hollyoaks The layer of

intrigue surrounding the abandoned baby increases.

6.30 Channel 4 News

6.55 4thought.tv 7.00 My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas The festive season traveller-style, featuring a couple travelier-style, reaturing a coup of extravagant weddings and Christmas Day with Celebrity Big Brother winner Paddy Doherty and his family. 3.00 Jamie & Jimmy's Food Fight Club Gary Barlow visits

the duo's seaside cafe.

9 00 The 50 Funniest Moments of 2012 A countdown of the daftest, most outrageous and quite simply odd events from the past 12 months, from Boris Johnson dangling from a zip wire to the phenomenon of

11.05 Friday Night Dinner The boys' other Grandma ruins

11.40 2012: Mashed A unique look back at the big news stories of the past 12 months.

the past 12 months.

12.45 FILM: The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest (2010)

Premiere. Thriller sequel, starring Noomi Rapace. 3.10 FILM: Niagara (1953) Thriller, starring Marilyn Monroe. 4.35 90210

# **Channel 5**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.40 Chinese Food in Minutes 9.55 Dallas 10.55 Eddie Stobart: Trucks, Trailers and Eddie Stobart: Irucks, Iraliers and Tinsel 11.55 World's Biggest Pets 12.55 Once Upon a Time 1.50 FILM: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan (2010) Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. 3.40 FILM: A Carol Christmas (2003) Festive comedy drama, starring Tori Spelling. **5.20 FILM: Santa Jr** (2002) Premiere. Christmas comedy, starring Nick

7.05 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers A driver runs into problems when he tries to move a section of the Piccadilly Lights in Local, while a red alert is issued when a new biomass triels are a microing. Never the contractions are the contractions and the contractions are the contractions and the contractions are the contractions and the contractions are contracted to the contractions are contracted to the contractions and the contractions are contracted to the contraction and the contractions are contracted to the contraction and the contraction are contracted to the contraction are contracted to the contraction are contracted to the contraction and the contraction are contracted to the contraction are contracted to the contraction are contracted to the contraction and the contraction are contracted to the contraction and the contraction are contracted to the contraction are c

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8.00 World's Strongest Man
2012 Action from the second of
five qualifying heats in Los
Angeles, California, where the
top two competitors from this
group will pregress to the first. group will progress to the final; 5 9 00 The Mentalist The CBI

investigates the murder of an estate agent who used to be in a gang, while Jane searches for leads on his new connection to serial killer Red John.

serial killer Hed John.
10.00 Castle The wealthy founder
of a company selling men's
grooming products is found
dead in his apartment and
Castle competes with Demming to solve the murder. 11.00 Castle Beckett and Castle

investigate what appears to be the murder of a spy. Last in series.

1.55 Inside Hollywood 12.00 SuperCasino 3.50 Motorsport Mundial 4.20 Divine Designs 4.45 Great Artists 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge

# **Movie Choices**

SPIDER-MAN (2002) A clumsy teenager develops superhuman powers after a genetically engineered spider bites him. At first his fantastic skills delight him, but his elation is severely tempered by a family tragedy, prompting him to dedicate his talents to dedicate his talents to combating evil. However, he faces a baptism of fire in the form of crazed villain the Green Goblin. Comic-book superhero adventure, with Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst and Willem Dafoe. Sky Movies Action & Adventure 4.45-6.50pm THE ROYAL

TENEAUMS (2001) Three former child geniuses all grow up to be emotionally dysfunctional adults. Meanwhile, their estranged father learns his ex-wife is planning to remarry, so he pretends to be dying in a bid to regain his family's sympathy – and stop the wedding. Wes Anderson's comedy, starring Gene Hackman, Anjelica Huston, Gwyneth Paltrow, Ben Stiller and Luke Wilson. Sky Movies Indie 8.00-10pm
BATMAN BEGINS (2005)
Billionaire Bruce Wayne travels TENENBAUMS (2001) Three

Billionaire Bruce Wayne travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice, consumed with rage over his parents' murder.
Trained by a secret society, he
hones his fighting skills and
returns to his home city of Gotham on a mission to rid it of crime and corruption in the guise of a masked vigilante. Comic-book adventure, Comic-book adventure, exploring the origins of the Dark Knight, with Christian Bale, Michael Caine, Liam Neeson, Cillian Murphy, Gary Oldman and Katie Holmes. **Sky Movies Sci-fi/Horror** 9.50pm-12.10am

ramed! at Christmas 5.00 The McFly Show 6.00 FILM: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) 7.50 FILM: The Incredible Hulk (2008) 10.00 Utterly Outrageous Reality TV Moments 2012 11.00 FILM: Knocked Up (2007) 1.40 Utterly Outrageous Reality TV Moments 2012 2.35 Lemon La Vida Loca: Merry Keithmas! Parl 1 3.15 Lemon La Vida Loca: Merry Keithmas! Parl 1 3.15 Lemon 5.05 Gossip Girl 5.50 Elile Goulding: The Hot Desk

## Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 The Middle 12.00 Modern Family 6.00 Futurama 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Spy: Christmas Special 9.00 Trollied 10.00 A League of Their Own Christmas Special 11.00 A League of Their Own Unseen 12.00 Brit Cops: Zero Tolerance 1.55 Road Wars 3.45 Street Crime UK 4.10 Don't Forget the Lyrics 5.00 Airline SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 The X Files 7.00

Vews 4.35 Close
Star Trek: Enterprise 8.00 Star Trek:
Voyager 9.00 ER 10.00 The X Files 11.00
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Secrets 10.00 Fil.M: Game Change
(2012) Fact-based drams, starring
Julianne Moore. 12.20 The Wire 1.35 The
Sopranos 2.55 The Wire 4.20 Star Trek:
Enterprise 5.10 The X Files
BBC3 7.00 Legend of the Boneknapper

nagon 7.20 FILM: Ratatouille (2007) 9.00 Cuckoo 10.30 FILM: Kill Bill: Vol 2 (2004) 12.40 Family Guy 1.25 Framface 2.25 Cuckoo 3.55 Close BBC4 7.00 Horizon: Asteroids – The Good, the Bad and the Ugly 8.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures: The Modern Alchemist 9.00 The Richest Songs in the World 10.30 Mr Blue Sky: The Story of Jeff Lynne and ELO 11.30 ELO Live at Wembley 12.30 The Richest Songs in the World 2.00 Mr Blue Sky: The Story of Jeff Lynne and ELO 11.30 The Richest Songs in the World 2.00 Mr Blue Sky: The

Story of Jeff Lynne and ELO 3.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures: The Modern Alchemist 4.00 Close ITV2 6.00 Emmerdale 6.55 The Cube 7.40 FILM: Small Soldiers (1998) 12.00 Emmerdale 1.00 Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records 1.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now: Golden Moments 2.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now: Golden Moments 2.30 I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here Now: Hall of Fame 3.30 You've Been Framed! 4.30 You've Been



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#### Stephen Fry: Gadget Man Christmas Special, Channel 4, 6.50pm

For millions of us, Christmas is a time when we throw caution to the wind and blow a small fortune on the latest must-have toys, whether it's an e-reader than can store a thousand books: a tablet which plays funny viral clips of cats falling off tables, or a 3D TV which gives you a mild headache (when you eventually get the credit card hill) One man who doesn't have to worry too much about such hideous financial matters is Stephen Fry, the handsomely paid, in-demand master of linguistics and owner of countless desirable toys. (Just ask him about the latest Apple product and he'll be talking for hours given half a chance). In the latest helping of tech-related features, the national treasure explores links between the festive season and technology. He'll be taking a trip down memory lane by spotlighting must-have products from past Christmases; takes a wry look at toys and decorations: reviews a selection of the latest gizmos, and draws up a wish-list for Santa. Let's ju hope the eponymous host is

not on the naughty list.

#### BBC<sub>1</sub>

6.00 Breakfast 10.00 Saturday Kitchen 11.30 Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers 12.00 BBC News; Regional News: Weather 12.15 Hegional News; Weather 12.15 Football Focus 1.00 Formula 1: 2012 – What a Year 2.00 Olympics 2012: A Golden Games 3.00 Olympics 2012: Through the Lens 3.30 Sport Relief 2012 – The Final Score 4.30 Final Score 5.25 BBC

Score 4.30 Final Score 5.25 BBC News 5.45 Celebrity Mastermind 6.15 A Question of Sport: Christmas Holiday Special Impressionist Alistair McGowan dancer Anton Du Beke, double Olympic gold medalist James Cracknell and ex-footballer Robbie Savage guest on a festive edition of the quiz.

6.45 Superstars 2012 Gabby

Logan hosts a revival of the Logan nosts a revival of the sporting challenge in which 16 athletes from Team GB, including Mo Farah and Jade Jones, compete over several different disciplines.

8.15 The National Lottery:

Secret Fortune High-tension quiz show, presented by Nick Knowles. Pub quizzers Jim and Keith attempt to win the top prize of £100,000. Last in the series. Conclusion to the series let below as 6 Orthog. last shown on 6 October.

9.10 BBC News; Weather 9.30 Mrs Brown's Boys The first of two festive editions. 10.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes

vows to make her nativity play 10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of today's Premier League clashes including Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion and

Norwich City v Manchester City 12.00 The Football League Show 1.15 Weatherview 1.20 BBC News

#### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 12.15 FILM: Flight of the Navigator (1986) Sci-fi adventure, starring Joey Cramer, 1.40 FILM: Flubber (1997) Children's comedy remake, starring Robin Williams. 3.05
Escape to the Country 4.05 Flog It!
5.05 John Le Mesurier: It's All Been Rather Lovely

6.05 Clive Dunn: A Tribute Family love direction. A modern and friends pay tribute to much-loved actor Clive Dunn, who died in November and was best known for his role as Lance-Corporal Jones in classic sitcom

Corporal Johns In classic strom Dad's Army.

6.45 FILM: Dad's Army (1971)

The Home Guard soldiers are put on their mettle as they get ready to capture three German aviators. British comedy based on the TV series, starring Arthur ve and John Le Mesurie

Lowe and John Le Mesurier.

8.15 Climbed Every Mountain –
The Story Behind The Sound
of Music Sue Perkins examines
the story of the von Trapps,
portrayed in 1965 film The
Sound Of Music, and meets
98-year-old Maria – the only one
of the seven children still alive.
9.15 FILM: The Duchess (2008)
An 18th-century duchess

An 18th-century duchess enduring a troubled marriage is enduring a troubled marriage is driven into the arms of a prominent politician. Fact-based drama, starring Keira Knightley and Dominic Cooper. 11.00 QI XL Extended version of

the Christmas special, with Sarah Millican, Phill Jupitus and Danny Baker.

11.45 God Bless Ozzy Osbourne
A profile of the Black Sabbath

frontman. 1.20 FILM: Carry On England

(1976) Military comedy, starring Kenneth Connor. 2.45 Close

6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News 9.30 Dinner Date 10.30 Dickinson's Real Deal 11.30 The Unforgettable Leonard Rossiter 12.00 ITV News; Weather 12.10 Holiday Home Sweet Home 2.10 FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966) Comedy horror, starring Kenneth Williams. 4.00 Midsomer Murders

Midsomer Murders 6.00 Local Tonight; Weather 6.15 ITV News; Weather 6.30 30 Years of CITV Vernon Kay narrates the story of the children's strand to celebrate its 30th anniversary, with contributions from its former

stars, including Ant and Dec and Holly Willoughby. 7.30 I Love You've Been Framed!

Children from across the UK reveal their favourite You've Been Framed moments, with comedian Harry Hill providing his unique commentary on the videos they have chosen. 3.30 Dale's Great Getaway Three

families take part in challenges inspired by traditions, pastimes and customs from around the world in a bid to win a dream holiday. Game show, hosted by

Dale Winton. .30 FILM: Love Actually (2003) Interlinked tales of sever Interlinked tales of several people in search of love. Richard Curtis's romantic comedy, with Hugh Grant, Martine McCutcheon, Emma Thompson, Colin Firth, Bill Nighy and Liam

10.30 ITV News: Weather 10.45 FILM: Love Actually (2003)

12.20 FILM: Parenthood (1989) Comedy drama, starring Steve Martin and Mary Steenburgen. 2.25 Jackpot247 3.00 In Plain Sight 3.40 ITV Nightscreen

#### **Channel 4**

6.00 Sali Mali 6.05 The Treacle People 6.15 FILM: The Three Worlds of Gulliver (1960) Fantasy words of Guilliver (1960) Fantasy adventure, starring Kerwin Mathews. 7.55 The Morning Line 8.55 FILM:T4: Space Chimps (2008) Premiere. Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Andy Samberg. 10.40 FILM: Garfield: A Samberg 10.40 FILM: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kittles (2006) Family comedy, with the voice of Bill Murray, 12.20 The Simpsons 1.30 Deal or No Deal's Big Christmas Dinner 4.25 Celebrity Come Dine with Me 6.05 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Peter Stringfellow hosts the final dinner party. He hopes to impress his guests with an unusual combination of dishes.

unusual combination of dishes. 5.35 Channel 4 News

6.35 Channel 4 News 6.45 4thought.tv 6.50 Stephen Fry: Gadget Man Christmas Special The actor and broadcaster explores links between the festive season and technology, testing must-have products from past Christmases and reviewing the latest

7.20 FILM: The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King (2003) As Frodo and Sam near the end of their quest, their friends face a final battle with the forces of darkness. Climax of the fantasy trilogy, starring Elijah Wood and Viggo Mortensen. With an introduction

(2011) Premiere. Period drama, starring James Howson. 1.35 FILM: Chocolat (2000)

Romantic drama, with Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp. 3.40 90210 5.00 Deal or No Deal 5.55

#### **Channel 5**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.40 Chinese Food in Minutes 10.00 Meerkat Manor 10.30 Dallas 11.25 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers 12.25 Once Upon a Time 1.25 FILM: It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie (2002) Kermit and his friends battle to save their theatre from the clutches of a banker, with from the clutches of a banker, with the help of a trainee angel. Comedy, with Joan Cusack, Whoopi Goldberg and David Arquette. 3.10 FILM: Grounded (2006) Six children are stranded at an airport at Christmas and run riot when the employee in charge leaves them unattended. Family comedy, starring Lewis Black and Wilmer Valderrama. 4.55 FILM: Richie Rich's Christmas Wish (1998) Festive comedy sequel, starring David Gallagher.

starring Davio Gailagner. 6.30 FLM: Snow White (2001) A widower struggling to provide fo his daughter is granted three wishes by a strange creature – but at a high price. Fairy-tale fantasy, with Kristin Kreuk and Miranda Richardson.

10.5 News Weekend

8.15 World's Strongest Man 2012 Action from the third of five qualifying heats in Los Angeles California, where the top two competitors from this group will

progress to the final.

15 Stephen King's Bag of
Bones A recently widowed
novelist is plagued by disturbing dreams, ghostly visitations and

dreams, gnostly visitations and messages from beyond the grave. Pierce Brosnan stars. 12.20 SuperCasino 4.00 Michaela's Wild Challenge 4.25 Great Artists 4.50 Rough Guide To 5.05 Hana's Helpline 5.15 The Milkshakel Show 5.40 Thomas & Milkshakel Show 5.40 Thomas & Show 5.40 Thoma Milkshake! Show 5.40 Thomas & Friends 5.50 Roary the Racing Car

#### **Movie Choices**

I, ROBOT (2004) The inventor of an advanced form of intelligent robot is found dead, and the detective investigating the case is certain that one of the scientist's mechanical creations is responsible – but no one believes his theory because the robots have been no one believes his theory because the robots have been programmed to prevent them from harming humans. Sci-fi thriller, inspired by the Isaac Asimov stories, starring Will Smith. Sky Movies Action & Adventure 3.30-5.30pm SHREK (2001) Anti-social ogre Shrek resolves to stop an evil ruler from banishing fairy-tale characters to his swampland home. However, the reluctant hero ends up forced to rescute the beautiful Princess Fiona from a castle guarded by a visecracking donkey. Sky Movies Family 4.45-6.20pm HARRY POTTER AND THE COBLET OF FIRE (2005) The adolescent wizard is chosen to represent Hogwarts School in a prestigious – albeit dangerous – magical tournament. Meanwhile, the followers of the dreaded dark Lord Voldemort plot to restore their master to the land of the living. Fourth instalment of the fandady Sky Movies Panil Padoliffe. Sky Movies Modern

living. Fourth instalment of the fantasy saga, starring Daniel Radcliffe. Sky Movies Modern Greats 6.15-9cm
SHREK 2 (2004) The ogre and his new wife Princess Fiona set out on a journey to meet her parents. However, the king and queen are less than impressed with their daughter's choice of husband, while a conniving fairy godmother is determined to make sure her own son gets to marry the princess. Sky Movies Family 6.20-8pm

Moments 5.30 FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) 7.20 FILM: Mamma Mial (2008) Musical comedy, starring Meryl Streep, 9.30 FILM: Van Helsing (2004) A vampire slayer sets out to help a gypsy princess vanquish Count Dracula and his three brides once and for all. Gothic action adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. 12.05 FILM: Fast & Furious (2009) 2.10 FILM: No Reservations (2007) 3.55 Girlfri3nds 4.45 Gossip Girl 5.35 Planet's Funniest Animals

#### **Satellite & Digital**

SKY1 9.00 WWE Superstars 10.00 Soccer AM 12.00 Modern Family 6.00 A League of Their Own Christmas Special 700 Hawaii Five-0 9.00 FILM: Final Destination (2000) Horror, starring Devon Sawa. 10.50 Caribbean Cops 11.50 Road Wars 12.20 Big Trouble in Thailand 3.10 Inside Gatwick 4.10 Don't Forget the Lyrics 5.00 The People's Rainforest

SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 The X Files 8.00 ER 11.00 Star Trek: Voyager 4.00 The British 5.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 8.00 God Save the Queens 9.00 Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets 10.00 Fil.M: The Sunset Limited (2011) Drama, starring Samuel L Jackson and Tommy Lee Jones. 11.50 House of Lies 12.25 The Sopranos 14.5 The Wire 3.00 The British 4.00 The Petrol Age

Petrol Age BBC3 7.00 Doctor Who 8.00 FILM: A Christmas Carol (2009) Animated fantasy

V Nigniscreen The Hoods starring Jim Carrey. 9.30 Live at the Apollo 10.15 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 11.00 Family Guy 11.45 American Dad! 12.50 Russell Howard's Good News 1.20 The Revolution Will Be Televised 2.20 Impractical Jokers 3.50 Close BBC4 7.00 Alice's Adventures in Wonderland 9.00 Freddie Mercury: The Great Pretender Director's Cut 10.30 Queen Live in Budapest: Hungarian Rhapsody 12.05 Queen: The Legendary 75 Concert 12.55 Arena: Amy Winehouse

- The Day She Came to Dingle 1.55
Freddie Mercury: The Great Pretender
Director's Cut 3.20 Sacred Music: A
Choral Christmas 3.50 Close
ITU2 6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals
6.25 Coronation Street 9.00 Emmerdale
12.30 The Xtra Factor: Winner's Story
2012 1.35 Britain's Got More Talent: Kids
and Pets Unleashed 3.35 Britain's Got
More Talent: All Singing All Dancing 4.35
Britain's Got More Talent: Funniest







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**An Audience with** Ken Dodd, Channel

They could have called this An Evening With Ken Dodd, though given his fondness for epic gigs, An Evening and Morning With would be closer the mark, Back in 1994, the much-missed Frank Carson, Jeremy Beadle and Mollie Sugden were among the famous faces tickled by the eponymous funnyman, along with David Hamilton (surely present because of his 'Diddy nickname). Doddy was in his sixties at the time, but was as sharp as comics half his age with a string of one-liners which left the audience in hysterics. As anyone who's ever been to an epic Dodd gig will know, there's an element of benign Stockholm syndrome involved - that strange occurrence in which the kidnapped warm to their abductors - and this 75-minute rib-tickler proves to be perfect family entertainment as there isn't a swear word or smutty innuendo on the agenda. I won't swear, I won't get personal and I won't slag off the establishment, and it still gets the laughs,' he said at the time. 'I don't have to do this so-called alternative comedy. What is the alternative to funny? Usually it is blue humour?

#### BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 8.05 Match of the Day 9.40 FILM: Eight Below (2006) Disney canine adventure starring Paul Walker, 11.30 Snow Babies 12.30 BBC News: Weather Bables 12.30 BBC News; Weather 12.40 Countryfile 1.40 FILM:
Bedknobs and Broomsticks (1971) 3.30 Call the Midwife 4.50 Songs of Praise: Celebrating 2012 ng **5.30** Wild Weather in 2012 6.00 BBC News: Weather

6.30 Celebrity Mastermind With Ken Bruce, Sid Sloane, Paul Young and Holly Walsh. 7.00 Countryfile in West

Yorkshire, Ellie Harrison finds out the importance of the moors to the Bronte sisters, and Matt Baker examines the county's claim to be the birthplace of Hollywood, Including Weather for the Week Ahead

tor the Week Anead.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona
Bruce and the team travel to
Fountains Abbey near Ripon in
North Yorkshire, where a set of
Inuit carvings, a 17th-century gold ring and a Viennese glass are appraised. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations.

9.00 Ripper Street New series.

Crime thriller set during the Victorian era, starring Matthew Macfadven

10 00 BBC News: Weather 10.25 Match of the Day 2 Including Everton v Chelsea. 11.25 Sport Relief 2012 – The Final Score Highlights of the fund-raising event

12.25 FILM: Open Range (2003) Western, starring Kevin Costner Westhern, starring Kevin Costn and Robert Duvall. 2.40 Weatherview 2.45 Sign Zone: Climbed Every Mountain - The Story Behind The Sound of Music 3.45 Holby City 4.45 BBC News

#### BBC2

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 10.00 aturday Kitchen Best Bites 11.30 The Great British Bake Off Masterclass 12.30 EastEnders 3.30 Space Dive 5.00 FILM: Force 10 from Navarone (1978) A commando mission to destroy a bridge in the Balkans that is vital to the Nazis is jeopardised by a traitor, Harrison Ford stars

7.00 James May's Toy Stories: Flight Club The Top Gear presenter investigates the enduring appeal of the model aeroplane and sets out to break the British record for the longes

flight by a toy glider.

8.00 Dara O Briain's Science
Club The comedian and his team investigate the science behind music, with Top Gear's James May exploring how it is

inextricably linked to people's emotions. Last in the series. 9.00 Neil Armstrong – First Mar on the Moon Close family and friends tell the story of the commander of the historic Apollo 11 Junar mission in July 1969 and reveal how he coped with the subsequent fame.

10.00 FILM: Moon (2009)

Premiere. An astronaut working alone at a base on the moon discovers the disturbing truth about both the operation he is running and his own nature. So fi drama, with Sam Rockwell. 11.30 FILM: Blade Runner: The

Final Cut (1982) A detective is Final Cut (1982) A detective sent to kill four renegade androids searching for their creator in a bleak future Los Angeles. Ridley Scott's sci-fit thriller, with Harrison Ford. 1.20 Dangerous Days: On the Edge of Blade Runner 3.05 BBC News 4.45 Close

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6.00 CITV 9.25 There's No Taste Like Home 10.25 Dinner Date

All Star Family Fortunes 1.10 ITV

News: Weather 1.15 FILM: Carry

On Girls (1973) A local council plans to hold a beauty contest to attract tourists, but an outraged

with Mussolini (1999) Eccentric English and American women living in Florence in the tense pre

disowned by his father. Comedy

7.00 Super Famous Animals

Creatures that have become

Uggie, the Jack Russell star o Oscar-winning film The Artist, and the canine half of BGT winners Ashleigh and Pudsey.

episode. The family tries to rescue two stolen cheetahs, Du Plessis receives worrying news and Rosie's fiance Dylan tries to

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather

10.15 A Night with Beyonce
Steve Jones presents a one-off
special in which the American
superstar performs some of her

biggest hits as well as tracks

11.30 Premiership Rugby Union Action from the latest fixtures, including Harlequins v London Irish, Leicester Tigers v

Gloucester and Saracens v

Monsters 3.50 ITV Nightscreen

12.25 Jackpot247 3.00 River

Northampton Saints

from her album 4

8.00 Wild at Heart Last-ever

prove himself to Danny.

global celebrities, including

with Maggie Smith. **5.15** Joanna \_umlev: The Search for Noah's Ark Lumley: The Search for Noah's 6.35 Local Tonight; Weather 6.45 ITV News; Weather

feminist group is plotting to

sabotage the event. Comedy

**Channel 4** 6.20 FILM: Dr Dolittle: Million Dollar Mutts (2009) Premiere. Comedy sequel. 7.45 FILM: Dr 11.25 Dickinson's Real Deal 12.25 Dolittle 3 (2006) Comedy sequel 9.30 Sunday Brunch 11.40 The Big Bang Theory 12.10 The Simpsons 12.40 FILM: Clash of the Titans (1981) Mythical adventure, starring Harry Hamlin. **2.55 FILM: Edward** Scissorhands (1990) Tim Burton Channel 4 News 5.25 4thought.tv 5.30 The Art of The Snowman and the Snowdog 5.35 The Snowman starring Sid James, 3.00 FILM: Te war years of the 1930s adopt a boy and the Snowdog

6.05 How the Snowman Came Back to Life Documentary on Raymond Briggs and the film sequel to The Snowman. 700 Come Dine with Me Four

hosts do battle in Derby, servino up juvenile jokes, non-stop chatter and some over-the-top mothering as they compete to win the £1,000 cash prize. 8.00 The Hotel New series. The

Grosvenor manager decides to stage special events, beginning with a ball and gala dinner, in an attempt to attract wealthy guests and stay in business.

and stay in business.

1.00 Big Fat Quiz of the Year

2012 Celebrity panellists including Jonathan Ross, Bussell Howard, Jack Whitehall and James Corden are tested on their knowledge of events from the past 12 months.

I1.05 The Last Leg of the Year Offbeat review of 2012, hosted by Adam Hills.

12.10 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special 1.10 American Football Live 4.45 Brie Encounters of the Sporting Mind 5.00 Freesports on 4 5.25 The Enduroman Arch to Arc Triathlon 5.50 Extreme Sailing Series

#### Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.40 Chinese ood in Minutes 9.50 Me Manor 10.20 Dallas 11.15 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Cracker 12.20 Once Upon a Time 1.15 FILM: Lost Holiday: The Jim and Suzanne Shemwell Story (2007) act-based drama, starring Walsh and Jami Gertz. 3.05 FILM: Ivanhoe (1952) Medieval Ivanhoe (1952) Medieval adventure, starring Robert Taylor. 5.05 FILM: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) Musical Western, starring Howard Keel. 7.05 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and

Trailers The truck named Teletubby, which comes complete with a 27-metre TV screen, is booked for a charity supercar event in Ireland, and the boss's son receives driving

7.55 5 News Weekend

8.00 World's Strongest Man 2012 Action from the fourth of five qualifying heats in Los Angeles, California, where the top two competitors from this group will progress to the final 3.00 An Audience with Ken

Dodd Comedy and entertainment from Knotty Ash's favourite funnyman, as he celebrates his long career in showbusiness with the help of an all-star audience

11.00 FILM: The Man Who Sued God (2003) A desperate fisherman takes legal action against the almighty when insurers declare the destruction insurers declare the destruction of his boat to be an act of God. Comedy, starring Billy Connolly. 1.00 SuperCasino 4.00 House Doctor 4.45 Rough Guide To 5.05 Hana's Helpline 5.15 The Milkshakel Show 5.40 Thomas &

Friends 5.50 Roary the Racing Car

#### **Movie Choices**

HUD (1963) A Texan rancher's bitter feud with his amoral son Hud comes to a head when the younger man demands they sell the herd before an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease is detected. Caught in the middle is Hud's young nephew, who idolises his selfish uncle, but even his loyalty is tested when Hud turns his rage on the family's housekeeper and tries to rape her. Western, with Paul Newman, Melvyn Douglas, Patricia Neal and John Ashley. Sky Movies Classics 7.00-9pm THE KING'S SPEECH (2010)
The younger son of George V
struggles to cope with an
uncontrollable stammer, uncontrollable stammer, prompting his wife to enlist the aid of an eccentric Australian speech therapist. The support and friendship of the doctor proves invaluable when a crisis places the repressed prince on the throne, just as the outbreak of the Second World War leaves the country in need of a strong king. Oscar-winning fact-based drama, starring Colin Firth, Geoffrey Rush, Helena Bonham Carter and Guy Pearce. Sky Movies Modern Greats 8.00-10pm

10pm **DELIVERANCE** (1972) Four city friends look forward to a veekend canoeing trip in America's Deep South However, their adventure turns into a nightmare when menacing rednecks come dowr from the nearby hills and subject them to a shocking assault, forcing the men to take extreme action to save their lives John Boorman's thriller based on James Dickey's novel with Burt Reynolds, Jon Voight and Bill McKinney. Sky Movies Classics 9.00-11pm

#### Satellite & Digital

SKY1 6.00 Hour of Power 7.00 Modern Family 10.00 WWE Superstars 11.00 WWE: Experience 12.00 Glee 5.00 The Simpsons 6.00 Got to Dance: The Warm Up 7.00 The Simpsons 8.00 A League of Their Own 10.00 NCIS: Los Angeles 12.00 Road Wars 12.30 Big Trouble in Thailand 2.20 A League of Their Own 4.10 Don't Forget the Lyrics 5.00 Best of

Oops TV
SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 Star Trek:
Voyager 8.00 David Attenborough's
Kingdom of Plants 11.00 Making of David
Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 12.00
God Save the Queens 9.00 Richard E
Grant's Hotel Secrets 10.00 Fill.M:
Recount (2008) Fact-based drama
following the legal and optical conflicts following the legal and political confi over the controversial result of the 2000 US presidential election. Starring Kevin

Spacey, John Hurt and Tom Wilkinson.
12.15 Mad Men 1.15 God Save the
Queens 2.15 FILM: Cinema Verite (2011)
4.00 Star Trek: Voyager

Auguens 2.15 FILM: Cinema Verite (2011) 4.00 Star Trek: Voyager BBC3 7.00 Mr Stink 8.00 Pixar: 25 Magic Moments 9.00 FILM: The Incredibles (2004) Pixar's animated adventure, with the voice of Craig T Nelson. 10.50 Russell Howard's Good News 11.20 Family vol. 20.55 American Dad! 12.45 Some Girls 2.15 Live at the Electric 2.45 Him & Her 3.40 Close

BBC4 7.00 Proms 2011: Hooray for Hollywood 9.00 Hollywood's Lost Screen Goddess: Clara Bow 10.00 Julie Andrews Hour with Sammy Davis Jnr 10.55 FILM: Victor/Victoria (1982) Comedy, starring Julie Andrews. 1.00 Proms 2011: Hooray for Hollywood 3.00 Concerto at the BBC Proms 3.55 Close Proms 3.55 Close

ITV2 6.00 Planet's Funniest Animals

6.20 Emmerdale 9.40 Coronation Street 12.50 You've Been Framed! Kids 1.50 FILM: Kangaroo Jack (2003) 3.45 FILM:

kung Car I Classics 9.00-11pm

Mamma Mia! (2008) 6.00 FILM: Nanny
McPhee (2005) Period fantasy, starring
Emma Thompson. 8.00 I Love You've
Been Framed! 9.00 FILM: The Holiday
(2006) Romantic comedy, starring
Cameron Diaz and Jude Law. 11.40 FILM:
Gremlins (1984) Comedy horror, with
Zach Galligan. 1.50 A Celebrity Juicemas
Carol – Chapter 1 2.40 Utterly Outrageous
Reality TV Moments 2012 3.30 Peter
Andre: My Life 4.20 Gossip Girl 5.50 Matt
Cardle: The Hot Desk

Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2012, BBC2, 11.10pm

It's New Year's Eve, it's BBC 2 and that means one thing: it's Jools Hootenanny. For the past two decades, the former Squeeze man has welcomed the new year with the aid of special guests galore, and this vear is no exception, though it is the last one to be filmed at BBC Television Centre. The ubiquitous Emeli SandÈ belts out tracks from her million-selling album Our Version of Events, including a duet with Professor Green; lovably eccentric diva Paloma Faith gives us an Etta James number, and extraordinary octogenarian Petula Clark goes Downtown with a couple of old favourites and a cover from her upcoming album. Should you feel the urge to 'put some wax on the tracks' and slide down memory lane. 1980s favourites Adam Ant Kevin Rowland and Roland Gift are also present and correct. If that's not enough to wet your whistle, how about The Hives, Bettye LaVette, Jake Bugg and show regular Ruby Turner? There's perhaps no surprise to find Jools' own Rhythm and Blues Orchestra helping out, along with the Pipes and Drums of the 1st Battalion of the Scots Guards

to ring in 2013

#### BBC1

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 FILM: Muppe Treasure Island (1996) Musica puppet comedy, with Tim Curry 10.30 FILM: G-Force (2009) 10.30 FILM: G-Force (2009) Children's adventure, starring Bill Nighy. 11.50 Kung Fu Panda Holiday 12.15 BBC News; Weather 12.30 Regional News; Weather 12.40 All New Total Wipeout: The Awards 140 FII M: Bedtime Stories (2008) Fantasy comedy, starring Adam Sandler. 3.10 FILM: The Sound of Music (1965) Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, starring Julie Andrews 6.00 BBC News: Weather

6.15 BBC News; Weather 6.30 Celebrity Mastermind With Chris van Tulleken, Denise Robertson, Milton Jones and Adele Silva

7.00 Top of the Pops New Year's Eve Featuring Girls Aloud and Ellie Goulding.

8.00 EastEnders Kat overhears Alfie invite Roxy to move in with

8.30 FILM: Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) Premiere A prince framed for murdering his adoptive father must stop a magical weapon from falling into evil hands. Fantasy adventure, starring Jake Gyllenhaal and

Gemma Arterton. 10.20 BBC News; Weather 10.35 The Graham Norton Show With Tom Cruise, Hugh Jackman, Billy Crystal, John Bishop and Pink

11.40 New Year Live 2012 Gabby Logan and the people of Londor welcome in 2013. 12.15 John Bishop: The Sunshine Tour 1.25 FILM: Scary Movie 4

(2006) Spoof horror sequel, starring Anna Faris. 2.40 Weatherview 2.45 BBC News

#### RRC

6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC 9.00 Operation Iceberg 11.00 The Grea British Bake Off 1.00 Escape to the Country 1.45 Flog It! 2.50 FILM:
The Red Baron (2008) Biopic of
the infamous First World War German fighter ace, examining his conflict with his Canadian nemesis Roy Brown, With Matthias Hoy Brown. With Matthias Schweighofer, Lena Headey and Joseph Fiennes. 4.30 Great Continental Railway Journeys 5.30 Christmas University Challenge 6.00 Climbed Every Mountain – The Story Behind The Sound

of Music Sue Perkins examine the story of the von Trapps, portrayed in 1965 film The Sound Of Music, and meets 98-year-old Maria – the only one of the seven children still alive

7.00 FILM: Catch Me If You Can (2002) A conman lies his way across America, posing as a pilot, a doctor and a lawyer, while outwitting the FBI at every turn. Fact-based drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Tom

กสกร. 9.15 FILM: Julie & Julia (2009) Premiere. Biopic telling the stories of 1960s American chef Julia Child and modern-day housewife Julie Powell, who tries to emulate her heroine With Meryl Streep and Amy

11.10 Jools' Annual Hootenanny 2012 Jools Holland brings in the New Year with performances by Emeli Sande, Paloma Faith, Petula Clark, Adam Ant, Kevin Petula Clark, Adding Fift, the Hives Bobby Womack and the Dubliners.

1.40 Best Bits @ Hackney 2012

2.40 Reading Festival Highlights 2012 4.15 Close

#### ITV1

6.00 CITV 7.35 FILM: From Time to Time (2009) Family fantasy adventure, starring Alex Etel. 9.25 Dinner Date 10 25 FILM WarGames (1983) Thriller, starrir Matthew Broderick. 12.30 ITV News; Weather 12.40 Midsomer Murders 2.35 The Unforgettable John Thaw 3.35 Just Henry 5.35 Local News; Weather 5.45 ITV

6.00 Wild at Heart: Filming with
Animals The handlers of animals featured in the longrunning drama offer an insight into how some of the series

stunts were achieved, such as a chase scene across a river involving a lion.

7.00 Emmerdale Cain uses dirty tricks to win back Moira.
7.30 Coronation Street Fiz lies

unconscious and alone at No 5.
8.00 You've Been Framed!
Featuring an alligator
interrupting a fishing trip. 3.30 Coronation Street Tyrone realises he could be to blame for

Fiz's dire situation 9.00 2012: A Funny Old Year Comedian Jason Manford celebrates the best, worst and strangest moments of the year, ranging from the London Olympics to Gangnam Style, the Mobot and torrential rain.

10.00 FILM: Bridget Jones's
Diary (2001) A woman begins
new year by resolving to find love and give up her bad habits Romantic comedy based on Helen Fielding's novel, with Renee Zellweger.

12.05 FILM: Fletch (1985) Comedy mystery, starring Chevy Chase. **1.40** Pushing Daisies **2.25** ITV Nightscreen

#### **Channel 4**

6.20 The Treacle People 6.35 FILM: Happily N'Ever After (2006) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Sarah Michelle Gellar 8.55 Frasier 10.00 The Big Bang Theory 11.00 The Simpsons 12.00 FILM: Son of the Mask (2004) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Jamie Kennedy. 1.45 FILM: Entrapment (1999) Crime thriller, starring Sean Connery. 4.00 Deal or No Deal 5.00 The Simpsons

5.25 Hollyoaks 6.00 Hollyoaks The Osbornes search for Charlie, but as hope begins to fade, the boy's fate is left in the hands of a mystery hero. Meanwhile, Leanne and Dennis welcome in the New

Year together. 5.30 Channel 4 News

7.00 Come Dine with Me Top 30
The 30 best moments from the series, including a host who fell asleep, a sausage trifle being served for dessert and Lesley Joseph trying to prepare a lamb

9.00 Alan Carr's New Year Specstacular The host throws New Year party, joined by Jonathan Ross, Jack Whitehall, Jimmy Carr, Gok Wan, Melanie Sykes Bylan Clark Bruno Mars and Christine Bleakley for fun

and games.

1.05 8 Out of 10 Cats With Sarah Millican, Stephen Mangan and Joe Wilkinson

11.50 House Party: NYE Charlie Sloth hosts the ultimate party to welcome in 2013, including live sets by Annie Mac, Frankie Knuckles, Norman Jay, Hercules & Love Affair, Sloth himself and Toddla T.

#### Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 9.35 Dallas 10.30 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers 11.35 Eddie Stobart's Christmas 11.35 Edule 3 Globalt's Christinas Delivery 12.35 Once Upon a Time 1.30 FILM: The Man from the Alamo (1953) Western, starring Glenn Ford. 3.10 FILM: Cheyenne Autumn (1964) John Ford's Western, with Richard Widmark nd James Stewart

6.05 The All New Gadget Show
Jason Bradbury and Pollyanna
Woodward are in London, where they test camera phones, bikes, scooters, skateboards, budget tablet computers and hi-tech

05 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers The Stobart Rail crew mans the Gopher reballasting machine to conduct repairs on a train track, while a planner train track, while a planner swaps his desk job for a taste of life on the road; 5 News Update .00 World's Strongest Man 2012 Action from the concluding

qualifying heat in Los Angeles, California, where the top two competitors from this group will progress to tomorrow's final.

0.00 Britain's Funniest Comedy Characters Celebration of small-screen comedy creations, from the classic days of Ali Garnett, Basil Fawlty and Rigsby to more modern characters such as Miranda. Keith Lemon and

I1.55 NCIS A serial killer begins posting footage of his crimes online – and as the agents online – and as the agents investigate, they realise that each film contains visual clues to the identity of the next victim 12.55 SuperCasino 3.55 House Doctor 4.20 Divine Designs 4.45 Great Artists 5.10 Michaela's Wild Challenge 5.35 Nick's Quest

#### **Movie Choices**

BATMAN BEGINS (2005) Billionaire Bruce Wayne travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice, consumed with night injustice, consumed with rage over his parents' murder. Trained by a secret society, he hones his fighting skills and returns to his home city of Gotham on a mission to rid it of crime and corruption in the guise of a masked vigilante. Comic-book adventure with Comic-book adventure, with Christian Bale. Sky Movies Action & Adventure 6.30-9pm

THE BLUES BROTHERS

THE BLUES BROTHERS
(1980) Two criminal brothers
discover the orphanage where
they were raised faces closure
unless the nuns who run it can
pay their tax bill, so the pair
embark on an urgent mission to
revive their old blues band to
raise the money needed.
Comedy, starring John Belushi.
Sky Movies Modern Greats
8.00-10.15pm

HEE FRATY (2011) An

Sky moves a Manager (2011) An English student falls in love with an American classmate, and tries to secretly remain in the country after her visa expires. She is forced to return home, leaving them struggling to maintain a long-distance relationship. Romantic drama, with Anton Yelchin. Sky Movies Drama & Romance 3.00-4.35pm

4.35pm BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID

(1969) Two outlaws' routine of bank and train robberies is cut short when a posse is formed to catch them. The pair plan to flee America and start a new life in Bolivia, with the Sundance Kid's schoolmistress lover in tow but staying ahead of the law is not so easy. Western, starring Paul Newman. Sky Movies Classics 10.40pm-12.40am

T Classics 10.40pm-12.40am
1.50 You've Been Framed! at Christmas
2.20 FILM: E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial
(1982) 4.35 FILM: The Grinch (2000) 6.35
FILM: Jurassic Park (1993) 9.00 FILM:
The Bourne Identity (2002) 11.20
Celebrity Juice: Irish Special 12.05
Juice: 2041 1.05 Celebrity Juice:
Christmas Special 2.05 Celebrity Juice:
Corrie v EastEnders Special 2.50 A
Celebrity Juicemas Carol – Chapter 2
3.30 Coronation Street 4.20 Peter Andre:
My Life

#### **Satellite & Digital**

SKY1 6.00 Modern Family 12.00 Glee 2.00 Ashley Banjo's Secret Street Crew 3.00 Neverland 4.40 The Hobbit: Premiere Special 5.00 Treasure Island 5.50 Victoria Wood's Little Cracker 7.00 The Simpsons 9.00 When Robbie Met James – Part One 10.00 When Robbie Met James – Part Woo 10.30 Robbie Williams Live: Take the Crown 12.00 A Very JLS Christmas 1.30

All Star Don't Forget the Lyrics 2.20 Got to Dance: The Judges' Top 20 3.15 Don't Forget the Lyrics 4.10 All Star Don't Forget the Lyrics 5.00 Don't Forget the Lyrics

Lyrics
SKY ATLANTIC 6.00 Star Trek:
Voyager 9.05 ER 11.00 House 12.00 Blue
Bloods 1.00 Star Trek: Voyager 4.00 The
X Files 5.05 ER 7.00 House 8.00 Blue
Bloods 9.00 Game of Thrones 10.15 The
Sopranos 11.30 Adam Buxtoris Bug 3.30
How to Make It in America 4.05 Petrol Age

BBC3 7.00 Superstars 2012 8.30 Olympics 2012: 50 Greatest Moments 10.30 EastEnders 11.00 Russell Howard's Good News 12.00 Family Guy 1.50 American Dadl 2.55 Him & Her 3.55 Close BBC4 7.00 The Bridges That Built London with Dan Cruickshank 8.00 ... Sings Disney Songsl 9.00 The Best of Kenny Everett's Television Shows – Part 1 9.30 Numb: Simon Amstell Live at the BBC 10.30 The Best of Kenny Everett's Television Shows – Part 3.30 Numb: Simon Amstell Live at the BBC 10.30 The Best of Kenny Everett's Television Shows – Part 2 11.00 More Old

Jews Telling Jokes 12.00 The Art of Tommy Cooper 12.30 How the Brits Rocked America: Go West 3.30 Sounds the 70s 2 Rock 'n' Roll Revisited – Get It

On 4.00 Close
ITV2 6.50 FILM: Free Willy 3: The
Rescue (1997) 8.35 The Xtra Factor: Girl
Best & Worst Ever 9.40 The Xtra Factor:
Boys Best & Worst Ever 10.40 The Xtra
Factor: Groups Best & Worst Ever 11.40
The Xtra Factor: Overs Best & Worst Eve
12.45 Emmerdale 1.20 Coronation Street

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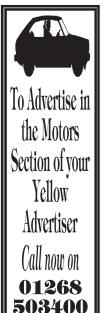
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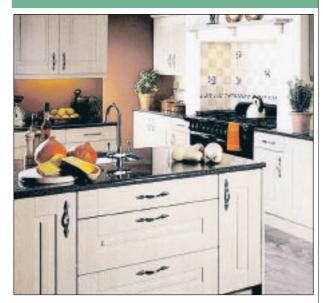
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#### Saturday, December 15

- Mince Pie Morning, Canvey Methodist Church, Waarden Road, 10.30am-12.30pm, cakes, books, videos, bric-a-
- Christmas concert. St Clements Church Leigh Broadway, 7pm, Ridley Studios performers aged three to 18, tickets £3.50, donations to Little Havens, refreshments.

  Music, St James the Great Church Hall,
- Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, 8pm-11pm, Ray Peters Band appearing at the Margueriteville Country Music Club, entry £8, to book a seat call Darrell 07825

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- Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels
  Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday
  Cam-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderty and Disabled. 01702 437863.

  Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every

- Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome, 01277 627043.

  Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm, 01702 465801.

  Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Augzz Worksnop, soutmend Jazz Lo-op
  St Michael's Church Hall (rear car park
  entrance), Leigh Road/Mount Avenue,
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   Rugby Training Session, Rochford
- Hundred Rugby Club, Magnolia Road, Hawkwell, for boys and girls aged between 5 and 12, every Saturday 10am-noon. 07533 348799.

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■ Football School for Girls, Fryerns Recreation Ground, 21 drop in sessions every Saturday 10.30-11.30am, in association with Leigh Celtic Girls and Ladies FC. 07882 456558.

Fun Football Training Sessions, Memorial

Park, Wickford (Highcliff Road entrance), every Saturday 9.30-10.30am, under 5s and under 6s, parents encouraged to stay and watch, boys and girls welcome, further details 01268 769902.

Footie Tots, Swain School, Rayleigh,

Saturday mornings from 9am, 3 years upwards, further details Shane 07887 627385/07790 938009.

#### Sunday, December 16

- Music, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, 01702 345247.

  American Football, Essex Spartans, junior Parlendari Pouloua, Esses Aparlaris, juliolo players wanted aged 14-19, training Hannakins Farm, Rosebay Avenue, Billericay, Sundays noon-2pm, further details contact Coach, Alan 07794 210194.

  Men's Futsal Football Sessions,
- Markhams Chase, Basildon, Sundays 8-
- Markhams Chase, Basildon, Sundays 8-10pm, all abilities welcome, £4, further details Paul 07882 456558.

  Louker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.

  King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference.
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- Wind School Tarpots at St Mary's Church Hall, High Road, Benfleet, every Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm, church but not as you known it. 01268 750520.
- Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St District, Charlet of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.

  Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church,
- Suriday Club, Gri Evangelica of Inter-Klin Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904. Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy,
- Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, Mo on 07757 658799.

#### Monday, December 17

■ Meeting, TAG (Truth Awareness Open Group), Club Riga, Cricketers Pub, London

Road, Westcliff, 7.30pm-10.30pm, meet

Noad, vesicial, "Asynthin Casynth, flesh third Monday of each month, ESpp, Andrew Colins 'Ligh Quest and Egypt'.

Music, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm, Ron Spack's Jazztet with Dave Jago (trombone), Chris English (keyboard), Pat English (vocals), 01702 E13910.

Over 50's session. The Megacentre, 7 ■ Over 50's session, The Megacentre, /
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Brook Road, Rayleigh, 10am-12pm, for adults with special needs (term time only), £1, no charge for carers, 01268 779100. ■ Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club,

■ Duplicate Bridge, Barriford a Bridge Guld-Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

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■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, Woodlands School, Basildon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk
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#### Tuesday, December 18

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Singles Social Group, meets The

Meadow Lark, Artillery Avenue, Shoebury (just past Asda roundabout), age group 50-65, every Tuesday 8pm. 07752 613021.

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South Benfleet Social Club, every Tuesday 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268
692998.

New and Nearly New Stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon,

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Wheeler's experienced owner wanted to create a restaurant that gave diners the chance to enjoy a traditional experience, and with the help of restaurant manager and chef, Milad, who has more than 20 years' experience in preparing and serving mouth-watering Indian cuisines, they have created an establishment that is exactly how an Indian restaurant should be – complete with magnificent dccor and intimate booths with candlelit tables.

Alongside its a la carte menu the restaurant also offers a range of deals including its Sunday Buffet, which is a great way to taste new dishes and is fantastic value-for-money for families. The buffet, which includes a selection of 25 delicious dishes, is served

from 1pm to late and costs just £6.95 per person, or £3.95 for children under the age of 12. This Christmas the restaurant

offers a wide choice for customers, from those looking for a venue for their office party, to those wanting to see in the New Year in style.

Its Christmas Menu, which includes a starter, main dish, any rice, any side dish or nan, as well as dessert, costs just £11.95 per person, and is available for bookings throughout December. Special menus will also be served on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, and diners can enjoy a special buffet on Boxing Day, for just

£9.95 per person.
Anyone making a Christmas booking can also be assured that they will be able to have their table for the whole evening, with no need to rush, while those who want to add something extra can also enjoy exclusive use of the restaurant. If you have an office party to organise then its special Party Buffet option for a minimum or 20 people is ideal at just £9.95 per person.

Anyone interested in any of its

Christmas events is urged to call for further information, and to

book as soon as possible.

The restaurant, which has a well stocked bar, full disabled facilities and a large private car park, also offers a takeaway service with free home delivery, and welcomes taste card members as well

as organisations who want to benefit from its Charity Buffet Events, which cost just £6 per person.

Wheeler's Tandoori Restaurant, at 458 London Road, on Bread and Cheese Hill, Benfleet, is open from noon to 2pm and from 5pm

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There are also some tables left for its music and cabaret evenings for its music and cabaret evenings this December including a Soul Night on December 13; soul vocalist Kenny Charles on December 14; the Paul Cantara Legends Tribute Show on December 20; and the After Dark Duo on December 21; which all cost just £24.95 and include a three-course meal and coffee three-course meal and coffee.

Anyone interested in making a booking for Christmas Eve, or any of its December Tribute Nights, are urged to call immediately to

avoid disappointment.

Marco, who runs La Romantica with his father, Antonio Dinallo, said: "Christmas bookings are coming in thick and fast so we want to remind people to book quickly as we only have a few tables left on specific dates."

Tables for pre-Christmas meals are also being snapped up, but there is still some availability of



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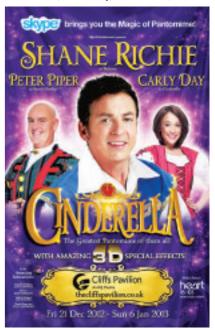
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- or people living alone or with their carers, 01702 478691/525141/340617. Depression: Self Help Group, every Tuesday 8-9.30pm, and Thursdays 12.30-
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- Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, every Tuesday 9.30-11.30am, admission £1 Tuesday 9.30-11.30a11, adminission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

  Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way,
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- Cherrydown Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown Criliderins Zeitrle, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Toddler Development (9-18 months), 10-11.30am; Baby Development (0-9 months) 10-11.30am; Healthy Snack 11.30pm-noon; Breastfeeding Support Group noon-2pm.

#### Wednesday, December 19

■ Meeting, Al Anon, International Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addictives, 1 Sutton No alcoholics and other aductives, 7 solich Road, All Saints Church (Vicarage), Southchurch, Southend, Wednesdays 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).

Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall,

Rayleigh Road, Fastwood, every Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, every Wednesday 3.45pm - 4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.

Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, (term time only), for children with special needs aged five-18,

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  Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the Church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, Wednesdays 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, further details Gill 01702 421737.

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- Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls,
- 4pm, badminton and short mat bowis, session price £3.50 includes refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

  Leigh Singles Social Club, med Wednesdays 8pm The Elms Pub, Leigh, age group 45-65 years, further details Sue 07917 573653.
- 0/917 6 /3653.

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- Parent and Toddler Group, Cherrydown
- Praient and ouder Group, Grein yourself and Children's Centre, 4 Cherrydown West, Basildon, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm.
  Parent and Toddler Group, Crowstone Road, Westolff, 9.30-11.30em (term time), also Thursday and Friday mornings, call 01702
- 332008.

  Blenheim Breastfeeding Support,
  Blenheim Children's Centre, School Way,
  Leigh, every Wednesday 2-3pm (term time).
  01702 474684.

#### Thursday, December 20

- Meeting, Eastwood Ladies Evening Club, Eastwood Memorial Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 7.45pm, meet first and third Thursday of the month, 01702 529216. Meeting, Leigh Royal British Legion,
- Moosehall, Cranleigh Drive, Leigh, 8pm, meet third Thursday of each month. ■ Jazz Night, Park View Function Suite,

Chalkwell Park, Westcliff, 8pm-10.30pm, meet third Thursday of every month evening of swinging, relaxing music, details 01702 483900.

- Meeting, Ekco Club House, Thornford Gardens, 12pm, Spirit of Ekco, meet third Thursday of each month.
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  The Chase, Rayleigh, 7.30pm, Ron Spack's
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   Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Jill 01268 753667.

   Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstra
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  Coffee, Cake and Chat, Wi Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762. ■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to
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  Meeting, Billericay Baby Cafe,
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#### Friday, December 21

■ Carol Concert, St Martin's Church,
7.45pm, Basildon Choral Society.
■ Walk, Salvation Army, Castle Lane Car Weak, Salvation Arrhy, Caste Larle Carl Park Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet first and third Friday of each month, one hour, details Gerald Costello 01268 755870.

 Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park

Academy, The Stables, Chairwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.

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### Fiesta forever

#### **By Andy Enright**

ord's latest Fiesta looks very different to that which has gone before but it's probably not as radical under the skin as you might expect. Still, the introduction of the excellent 1.0-litre three-cylinder Ecoboost engine is extremely welcome.

Certain realities exist in the supermini market. The additional cost of diesel engines rarely makes them big sellers, so this is where the state of the art in petrol engines is often played out. Right now, Ford's 1.0-litre Ecoboost three-cylinder unit is looking like it might just be in the box seat. It's available in both 100 and 125PS guises and it's already been a big hit in the Focus, winning the 2012 International Engine of the Year award along the way.

The Fiesta has long been one of the very best superminis to drive. Expect that still to be the case, even

though here, the underbody changes are relatively few. Ford has developed new chassis and suspension components to improve the ride quality and refinement of the car and further refined the Ford Electronic Power Assisted Steering system.

That massive trapezoidal front grille might have a few people looking twice and wondering whether an Aston Martin Cygnet is attempting an overtake. So yes, it's certainly distinctive - but not an unattractive feature and something that works well with the Fiesta's shape.

There's more storage room

There's more storage room too. A new central arm-rest also provides additional cubby space and the door pockets are larger and more practical. If you're going to be using the back seats regularly, opt for the five-door version: in the three-door, the windows are small and set high up, so light isn't abundant.

Like most superminis, this Fiesta sells in the £10,000 to

£18,000 bracket - and there's a pretty typical £600 premium if you want to progress from the threedoor to the five-door bodystyle.

At the top of the range, Titanium variants are very well equipped and there's an ECOnetic version also on offer. Even ritzier are the Titanium-X models. These feature the Keyfree system, partial leather and include a SONY DAB stereo.

As for equipment, well, even entry-level Fiestas come with stability control, anti-lock brakes, seven airbags, a CD player with controls on the steering wheel, central locking and electric heated mirrors. There are nice touches too: we particularly liked the EasyFuel cap-less refuelling system.

One intriguing innovation is MyKey, a segment-first technology feature that allows parents to limit the speed of the car. Plus it prevents the driver from deactivating

safety technologies such as Electronic Stability Control and the Active City Stop low-speed collision avoidance system. It can even cap the volume level of the stereo in order to encourage safer driving.

The Fiesta has always

The Fiesta has always been a bit of a star where running costs are concerned. When the engines used to be a bit off the pace, the asking prices were low. Now that the Fiesta has some of the most fuel efficient engines in the sector, the list prices of the cars are a little higher - but to compensate, residual values have improved in turn. The 1.0-litre EcoBoost engine returns some excellent figures with the more powerful 125PS version returning a stellar 65.7mpg on the combined cycle and registering just 99g/km - which means free road tax and no London congestion charge.

In fact what's remarkable about this improved Fiesta range is how so many models go below 100g/km. It's now the exception where you find a variant in this line-up that puts out more than the ton, especially as you ascend the range and leave the older engines behind.

The 1.5 TDCi 75PS, the 1.6 TDCi 95PS and all versions of the 1.0-litre engine all fall below 100g/km. The ECOnetic diesel registers just 87g/km and a combined economy figure of 85.7mpg. Even the 180PS 1.6-litre petrol Fiesta ST hot hatch manages 139g/km of CO2.

The Ford Fiesta has always been a vehicle that the British public has warmed to. There's an unpretentious quality to it and a focus on providing the things that really matter to small car buyers - fun handling, an affordable asking price, low running costs and decent accommodation and space. Now you can add strong

safety provision and low emissions to that list as well. The latest car has a polish and self belief that we've never seen from the Fiesta before. In short, this blue collar car has made good.

collar car has made good. Highlights? It's tough to know where to start. The 1.0-litre Ecoboost engine is undoubtedly the ace in the hole, but don't overlook the ECOnetic diesel either. The Powershift transmission is worth investigation too, especially if you're driving in town and want to give the clutch leg a rest. With some genuinely intriguing safety and communications systems, this improved Fiesta looks set to stay at number one for some time yet.





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### (THE HOSPITAL AREA PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME (ZONE H)) (WAITING RESTRICTONS, PARKING PLACES AND PERMIT PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2012

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46, 47, 49 and 53 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance to Part III of Schedule 9 to the act of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, the effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Order, by the adding, amending and the deleting of waiting restrictions and parking bays, and introduce further roads into the scheme area.

Following an extensive review of the existing Hospital Parking Management Scheme and the overall effect on surrounding roads, and after consultation with Local Ward Councillors, it is proposed that the existing Hospital Parking Management Scheme be amended and additional roads adjoining the existing Scheme be included. The general effect of the Order would be to amend/introduce and implement the new measures as detailed below:

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Prittlewell Chase	From its junction with St Georges Park Drive to its junction with Southbourne Grove (not including 3 lengths of short stay as detailed below)	
Cardigan Avenue	In its Entirety	
Hillborough Road	In its Entirety	
Lavender Grove	er Grove In its Entirety	
Commercial Road	From its junction with Carlingford Drive to No. 11 Commercial Road	

#### INTRODUCE NEW ADDITIONAL ROADS TO BECOME SHARED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING PLACES AND PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING BAYS.

ROAD NAME	LENGTH
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Colemans Avenue	In its Entirety	

#### INTRODUCE A NEW ADDITIONAL ROAD TO BECOME SHARED RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING PLACES AND BUSINESS BAY.

ROAD NAME	LENGTH	
Prince Avenue Service Road	Between Nos. 372 - 380	

#### (c) INTRODUCE NEW ADDITIONAL ROADS TO BECOME RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING PLACES:

ROAD NAME	LENGTH	
Prince Avenue Service Road	Between Nos. 154 -230	
Hobleythick Lane	From its junction with Carlingford Drive and its junction with Prince Avenue	
Midhurst Avenue	In its Entirety	
Henley Crescent	In its Entirety	

#### (d) INTRODUCE LOADING AND UNLOADING WAITING RESTRICTIONS "AT ANYTIME" DOUBLE KERB TICKS ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS

ROAD NAME	LENGTH
Fairview Drive	In its Entirety
Carlingford Drive	In its Entirety

### (e) INTRODUCE LIMITED TIME WAITING (SHORT STAY) PARKING PLACES ON THE FOLLOWING ROADS 30 MINUTES NO RETURN IN 4 HOURS

ROAD NAME	LENGTH
Commercial Road	From No. 11 Commercial Road to its junction with Carlton Avenue
Prittlewell Chase	Between Nos. 222 to its junction with Cardigan Avenue
Prittlewell Chase	North Side opposite Nos 110 - 126 Prittlewell Chase

#### (f) INTRODUCE A LIMITED TIME WAITING (SHORT STAY) PARKING PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING ROAD 1 HOUR NO RETURN IN 4 HOURS

ROAD NAME	LENGTH
Westbourne Grove	From its junction with Fairfax Drive to the first build-out outside No. 213 Westbourne Grove

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#### R TINLIN Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER

Dated: 12th December 2012

#### THE SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

### (BERESFORD AREA PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME (ZONE D)) (WAITING RESTRICTONS, PARKING PLACES AND PERMIT PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2012

#### (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2012

#### Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Southend-on-Sea Borough Council proposes to make the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 4, and 124 (and part IV of Schedule 9) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance to Part III of Schedule 9 to the act of 1984 as amended by Part 6 of the Traffic Management Act 2004, the effect of which will amend the above-mentioned Order as amended, by the adding and deleting of the items listed in the Schedules below.

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#### SCHEDULE 1 - Additions

 The Southend-On-Sea Borough Council (Beresford Area Parking Management Scheme (Zone D)) (Waiting Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zone) Order 2012 – Schedule 3 – Limited Time

Location of Designated Parking Place	Maximum number of parking bays	Maximum Period	No Return within
<b>Burdett Road</b> The north-west side from a point 12.6metres southwest of the south kerbline of Beresford Road south-westwards for a distance of 28.6metres.	5	30 mins	4 hrs

#### (iii) The Southend-On-Sea Borough Council (Beresford Area Parking Management Scheme (Zone D)) (Waiting Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zone) Order 2012 – Schedule 4 – Loading & Unloading Parking Places

Designated Parking Place	Number of Loading Bays	Special Manner Standing Vehicles
BURDETT ROAD The north-west side, from a point 5.5 metres north-east of the south-westermost boundary of No 28 Eastern Esplanade north-eastwards to a point 4.2 metres southwest of the north-easternmost boundary of No 28 Fastern Fsulanade houndary of No 28 Fastern Fsulanade	1	Within the confines of the marked bay

#### SCHEDULE 2 – Revocations

### (BERESFORD AREA PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME (ZONE D)) (WAITING RESTRICTONS, PARKING PLACES AND PERMIT PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2012

Schedule 3 Item 6213 Schedule 4 Item 10166

#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS) (CONSOLIDATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS)
ORDER 2006 (AS AMENDED)
(AMENDMENT NO. 8) ORDER 2012

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#### SCHEDULE 1 - Additions

(i) Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 (as amended) – Schedule 1 – No Waiting At Any Time

Road	Description	Side of Road	Hours of Prohibition
Highfield Way	From the west kerbline of Highfield Gardens westwards to the easternmost boundary of no 1 Highfield Way	South	24 hours daily
Highfield Way	From the west kerbline of Highfield Gardens to the easternmost boundary of No. 4 Highfield Way	North	24 hours daily
Highfield Grove	From a point 10 metres southwest of the southwest kerbline of Highfield Close southeastwards to a point 10 metres southeast of the southeast kerbline of Highfield Close	South- east	24 hours daily
Highfield Close	From the south-east kerbline of Highfield Grove south-eastwards for a distance of 7.5m	South- west	24 hours daily
Highfield Close	From the south-east kerbline of Highfield Grove south-eastwards to a point 5.5m south-east of the north-westernmost boundary of No. 6 Highfield Grove	North- east	24 hours daily
Rosary Gardens	From the east kerbline of Southbourne Grove eastwards to a point 10 metres south of the south kerbline of Rosary Gardens	South	24 hours daily
Rosary Gardens	From the east kerbline of Southbourne Grove eastwards to a point 10 metres north of the north kerbline of Rosary Gardens	North	24 hours daily
Bridgwater Drive	From the west kerbline of Southbourne Grove westwards for a distance of 49 metres	North	24 hours daily
Bridgwater Drive	From the west kerbline of Southbourne Grove westwards for a distance of 27.5 metres	South	24 hours daily
Arnold Avenue	From the south kerbline of Woodgrange Drive to a point 5.8m south of the south kerbline of Northumberland Avenue	West	24 hours daily
Arnold Avenue	From the north kerbline of Beresford Road northwards for a distance of 7.5m	West	24 hours daily

#### (iii) The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 (as amended) – Schedule 2 No Waiting for Part of the Day

	Road	Description	Side of Road	Hours of Prohibition
	Highfield Way	From a point opposite the easternmost boundary of No 1 Highfield Way for the entirety of the turning head to a point opposite the easternmost boundary of No 4 Highfield Way	Both	9.30 am - 4.30pm Monday - Friday
	Highfield Drive	From a point 15 metres west of the western kerbline of Highfield Gardens to its westernmost point including the entirety of the turning head	Both	9.30 am - 4.30pm Monday - Friday
	Rosary Gardens	In its entirety	East	9.30 am - 4.30pm Monday - Friday

#### (iii) The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads) (Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 (as amended) – Schedule 6 – Limited Waiting 1 Hour No Return In 4 Hours

Road	Description	Side of Road	Waiting Limited
Prittlewell Chase	From a point 25 metres northwest of the northwest kerbline of Fairfax Drive northwestwards to the start of south- easternmost point of the build out	South- west	1 Hour in 4 Hours Daily

#### (iv) The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 (as amended) – Schedule 7 – Limited Waiting 20 Minutes in 1 Hour No Return In 4 Hours

Road	Description	Side of Road	Waiting Limited	
Arnold Avenue	From a point 7.5m from the northern kerbline of Beresford Road northwards to a point opposite a point 5.8m south of the south kerbline of Northumberland Avenue	West	20 Minutes No Return in 4 hours	

#### SCHEDULE 2 - Revocations

The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 (as amended)

Schedule 1 - No Waiting at Any Time

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The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads) (Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 (AMENDMENT NO. 9) Order 2009

Schedule 2 – Part Week Restrictions

(ii) Rosary Gardens

The Borough of Southend-on-Sea (Various Roads)(Consolidation of Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 Amendment No 6 Order 2011

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#### SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF NON-DOMESTIC RATEPAYERS REVENUE ESTIMATES AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/2014

Local Authorities have a duty to consult with persons or bodies subject to non-domestic rates in their area about the authority's proposals for expenditure (including capital expenditure) for each financial year. Revenue estimates and the capital programme for 2013/2014 will be considered at the following meetings which are open to the public. Any member of the public can attend the meetings, which start at the times indicated. They will be held in one of the committee rooms in the Civic Suite, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea:

- Cabinet Tuesday 22nd January 2013 at 14.00.
- Children & Lifelong Learning Scrutiny Committee Monday 28th January at 18.30
- Community Services & Culture Scrutiny Committee Tuesday 29th January at 18.30.
- Economic & Environmental Scrutiny Committee Thursday 31st January at 18.30.
- Cabinet Tuesday 12th February at 14.00.

The Council will consider its total spending proposal at its meeting on Thursday 28th February 2013 at 18.30 which again, any member of the public is welcome to attend.

INB The Council operates a system of Question Time at Council meetings and Scrutiny meetings – refer to www.southend.gov.uk for details and information on deadlines].

The Council consults the business community on an annual basis and the Essex Chambers of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses can co-ordinate responses from business organisations – representations or comments should be made to:

Essex Chambers of Commerce, South Essex Office, Viscount House, London Southend Airport, Southend-on-Sea,

Essex Federation of Small Businesses, PO Box 12021 Colchester, Essex CO7 7WT

The Council also holds a consultation meeting on Wednesday 30th January 2013 at 18.30 which representatives of Business Community and Ratepayers Residents' Associations can attend. Any other non-domestic ratepayer in the Borough who wishes to attend this meeting should contact the Committee Section, Legal and Democratic Services, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER or email - committeesection@southend.gov.uk by Monday 21st January.

> Rob Tinlin Chief Executive & Town Clerk

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### Sturrock takes the one point for Blues

#### Southend United

SOUTHEND United kept up their unbeaten run with a goalless draw at Fleetwood Town on Saturday.

The Blues are unbeaten in ten, seven in the league, to remain in the play-off places.

They did have the ball in the net on two

occasions, but efforts from Anthony Straker and Marc Laird were ruled out in the first half.

Blues brought in Gavin Tomlin, Laird and Straker into the side as Barry Corr, David Martin and suspended Michael Timlin made way following their midweek win over Brentford.

The match was Graham Alexander's first game in charge of Fleetwood following the sacking of Nicky Mellon last week, however it was the Blues who threatened first as Britt Assombalonga crossed for Straker to put the ball home, but the assistant referee's flag was up for offside.

Junior Brown had a chance for the Cod Army but his header bounced up and over

Assombalonga and Tomlin looked threatening once again, with the former seeing his 25-yard shot saved by Scott

Blues were denied through the assistant referee's flag for the second time near the end of the half, when Laird headed in Sean Clohessy's cross, but the ball was adjudged to have gone over the line.

Fleetwood did have a chance to go into half-time ahead but Paul Smith saved Steven Gillespie's header.

The second half had its fair share of chances but both sides could not find a

Straker had a great opportunity to put
Blues ahead after good play from Tomlin
but put his effort wide, while Smith had to top over Barry Nicholson's header.

Corr came on for Straker with 20 minutes to go and had several chances. However, his header from Kevan Hurst's corner went wide and Davies kept out his toe-

Blues boss Paul Sturrock said: "Maybe we weren't at the top of our game. We've created a few chances and then had to make some good saves as well - one at the end of the first half and two or three after the break.

"The exuberance of having a new manager showed in Fleetwood. It wasn't an easy place to come. We will have wanted the three, but we'll take the one."



### Warner entered into UK baseball's Hall of Fame

#### Baseball

AN ESSEX baseball legend has been inducted into the British Baseball Hall of Fame in recognition of more than 50 years of service developing the sport in the UK.

Terry Warner, father of leading Redbacks Baseball & Softball pitcher Vince, first started playing in his late 20s, but quickly took to the sport and helped the Thames Board Mills, based in Purfleet.

In almost 20 years with the team, he helped the side win two National titles and countless other trophies, and was able to help Vince make his senior debut as a 13-year-old in

Alongside playing, Terry also took up coaching duties and after joining the Croydon Bluejays, he was also instrumental in guiding the



team from south London to a National crown.

Arguably Terry's finest hour came in 1967, at the European Baseball Championships. With the Great Britain team rank outsiders, few expected much of them, but the young-at-heart Warner defied his vears and, at 40, turned in one of the

best ever pitching displays seen in international baseball in Europe. Through nine innings he allowed only two runs, striking out 14 Swedish batters as the GB team won 3-2 and picked up a silver medal their best ever performance at the Championships.

Such was Terry's quality on the mound that at a later tournament in 1982, at the age of 55, he was asked to keep French bats quiet in another international campaign. Although he was ultimately unsuccessful, it was not through lack of skill and desire, something that he brought to British baseball throughout his career.

His efforts both on and off the field have been formally recognised by the British Baseball Hall of Fame as he joins the latest group of

Everyone in the BBHoF is recog-

nised for their contributions to the development of the sport in the UK or abroad.

Vince Warner, who led the Essex Redbacks to a runners-up trophy and regional title in 2012, was delighted at the BBHoF's decision to elect his father to the fraternity.

He said: "I'm so proud that my dad's been recognised for his work in British baseball. Few will have compiled a record as successful as his on the field, while even fewer have given so much time and effort to developing the sport when not on the diamond.

"He was the reason I got into baseball and have achieved so much in the game, and he inspired so many others around him to get involved and continue to grow the sport here in Essex and the south east and across the UK."

### Southend enter relegation zone

SOUTHEND'S relegation worries in National Two South continued following their 15-22 home defeat to Redruth on Saturday.

It was the same story for Southend as they started strongly but ran out of steam.

After an early penalty from Alan Paul Thirlby for the hosts, Southend scored two tries through Mark Billings, with Jack Jones kicking one conversion to put them 12-3 ahead after 19 minutes.

Redruth hit back five minutes later with a converted try through Thomas Duncan, but Jones extended Southend's lead with a penalty on 29 minutes to make it 15-10.

However that was as good as it was going to get for Southend as Redruth took a 15-17 lead into half-time following Craig Bonds' try.

The visitors scored the only try in the second

half through Duncan to take the spoils.

The results drop Southend into the relegation zone, two points behind Lydney.

Thurrock suffered their sixth consecutive defeat in National Three London & South East, losing 30-10 at Bishop's Stortford.

Mike Stanley scored their only try of the match, with Frankie Neale kicking a conversion and penalty. However Thurrock conceded four tries to continue their poor form.

Westcliff remain in the bottom three after their

crucial relegation fixture against Gravesend 20-

Tries from Adam Bishop and Scott Curle, with extras from Chris Meddings and David McMurties put Gravesend ahead 17-0 after 71 minutes.

It was two minutes later before Westcliff registered points on the board with Seb Reynolds going over the line, however Ben McKeith missed the conversion and Meddings adding a late penalty to put Gravesend seven points clear

of Westcliff above the drop zone.

In London One North, Eton Manor remain in second place and in the play-off spot following their 19-13 victory over Old Haberdashers.

Rochford Hundred slipped to the bottom after going down 25-27 to Diss, while Basildon drop into the relegation zone as they lost 17-24 to Ruislip who went above them.

Brentwood are fifth thanks to their 11-8 win over Romford & Gidea Park while Chingford lost 17-20 to third place Letchworth Garden City.

Chelmsford's push for a play-off place continued in London Two North East thanks to their 21-25 victory at Lowestoft & Yarmouth. It puts them in third place, three points behind Ipswich.

Woodford also maintained their outside shot of a play-off place in fifth place following their 15-8 win over Braintree leaving them seven points

#### move into top y lose against leaders while Billericay

#### Non League Football

CHELMSFORD City threw away a two-goal lead as Blue Square South leaders Salisbury City came back to win 3-2 on Saturday.

It looked good for the Clarets as Bradley Hamilton (19) and Max Cornhill (34) put them ahead at the Raymond McEnhill Stadium, but Jamie White (40) started the comeback with Stuart Sinclair (55) and Dan Fitchett (67) sealing the points for the hosts.

The defeat drops City out of the play-off places

Billericay Town moved into the top ten with a 2-0 victory over Bath City at New Lodge. Jay May (41) and Rob Swaine (87) were on

target for the Blues.
AFC Hornchurch's good run of form was

ended at Weston-Super-Mare with Brett Trowbridge (40) firing the decisive goal.

Concord Rangers dropped out of the play-off

places in Ryman Premier after drawing 2-2 at

Hastings United. Hastings skipper Lee Carey (35 pen) put the hosts ahead but Tony Stokes equalised on the stroke of half-time.

Stokes (70) grabbed his second but Hastings were soon on level terms through Jono Richardson (72).

Concord's near rivals Canvey Island moved up to ninth after Bradley Woods-Garness (84) struck late to give them a 1-0 victory over Cray Wanderers.

East Thurrock United won 3-2 at Harrow Borough. Sam Collins' early goal on five min-utes was cancelled out by Frankie Merrifield (32). Kris Newby (37) restored Rocks' lead and Hakeem Araba (63) put them further in front. Simeon Akinola (77) put Harrow back into the game but Rocks held on.

Thurrock remain in the drop zone despite icking up a hard fought point at Enfield Town. Harry Honesty (9) put Fleet ahead but Adam Wallace levelled for the hosts ten minutes later.

Maldon & Tiptree extended their lead at the

top of Ryman North to 12 points after beating Thamesmead Town 1-0. Jamie Guy scored the only goal of the game through the penalty spot after 12 minutes

Grays Athletic moved into second place despite being held to a 1-1 draw by Witham

Lewis Godbold put Town ahead after nine minutes with Joe Sweeney scoring the equaliser on 21 minutes.

Aveley dropped down to third after losing 2-1 at Romford. Petrit Elbi (11) did put Millers ahead but Billy Hunt scored before the break for Boro and Matt Toms (69) headed in the win-

Heybridge Swifts are in the top five after

winning 6-0 at relegation strugglers Ilford.

After losing 8-2 at home to Soham Town Rangers last week Swifts made sure they hit back with a hat-trick from Michael Cheek and goals from Ben Newson, Luke Callander and Solomon Ofori.

Ilford will be looking over their shoulders as bottom side Ware registered their first win of the season, beating Waltham Forest 2-0. Ricci Crace and Tony Martin were on target and Forest could not get back into the match, despite the hosts being reduced to ten men after Martin Standen was sent off.

Redbridge moved above Ilford and out of the drop zone with a 3-1 victory at Wroxham. Jacob Cleaver scored twice in the first 20 minutes for the Motormen with Ben Thompson pulling a goal back for the hosts. However Lee Martin made sure for Redbridge in second half stoppage time.

Alex Read scored four goals as Brentwood Town beat Soham 6-3. Abs Seymour and Daryl Robson were also on target for Town.

Tilbury suffered a disappointing 3-1 defeat at Cheshunt. John Megicks (7), Courtney White (58) and Dave Greene (67) before Jake Pooley's late consolation three minutes from time for the Dockers

# Southend, Leigh, Shoebury & Cow Advertiser

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Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Last year in Southend-on-Sea we spent over £1 million on sending food waste that could have been recycled to landfill in your black sacks. All this food waste could have been recycled through the blue food waste recycling bin scheme - saving money and helping the environment.



Have a Merry Green Christmas!

Working together to recycle 60% by 2015







### 'Tis the season for recycling! 1

Over the festive season there are often large quantities of food waste packaging, cardboard and old clothing generated. All of which can be recycled!

The guide below will help you recycle even more this Christmas.



Please ensure that all items are clean and free of food waste.

- All paper including wrapping paper, shredded paper, junk mail, envelopes, catalogues, newspaper and magazines.
- Steel and Aluminium including food and drink cans, clean ready meal and pie foil trays, takeaway containers, cooking foil and empty aerosol cans.
- Household plastic packaging including trays, punnets, yoghurt pots, carrier bags, bottles, tubs, bags, film and bubble wrap.

including sleeves for ready meals, cereal boxes, greetings cards, toilet roll tubes

cards, toilet roll tubes and *Tetra Paks* i.e cartons

Glass bottles and jars

Broken glass bottles and jars should be wrapped in thick newspaper and placed in the pink recycling sack. Alternatively, they can be placed in a cardboard box clearly marked as 'broken glass'.

**Don't forget...** wrapping paper, Christmas cards, gift tags and all your chocolate and sweet tins can be placed in your pink recycling sack!

Need additional pink recycling sacks? More can be collected from the following locations free of charge:

- All libraries in the Southend-on-Sea Borough
- Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea
- Leigh-on-Sea Town Council offices, Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea
- Cory Environmental, Eastern Avenue, Southend-on-Sea
- Tourist Information Centre, Western Esplanade, Southend Pier, Southend-on-Sea

#### Did you know?

13,350 tonnes of glass is thrown out in the UK during the festive season, from Cranberry glass jars to wine bottles. These items can be recycled using the pink recycling sack scheme or bring bank sites.

### Clear Textile Recycling Sack

What can you recycle in your clear sack this Christmas?

Textiles Clean and dry textiles, including clothes, paired shoes, worn or torn (but clean) clothing can still be recycled.



#### Did you know?

It costs over £100 per tonne to dispose of household waste in landfill. It is forecasted that over 37,000 tonnes of waste will be sent to landfill by the end of this year, so these costs could add up to over £4 million from Council Tax money just to throw waste in a hole in the ground!



#### Blue Food Waste Bin Recycling

Southend-on-Sea residents are provided with one blue kitchen caddy and one blue collection bin, so they can recycle their food waste.

The types of cooked and uncooked food waste that can be recycled include:















To request a replacement kitchen caddy and/or collection bin, please visit **www.southend.gov.uk/foodwaste**. Alternatively, please call Southendon-Sea Borough Council on **(01702) 215006**.

#### **Compostable Food Waste Liners**

Compostable food waste liners can be purchased from all the libraries and from a number of outlets within the Southend-on-Sea borough. To find your nearest outlet please visit

www.southend.gov.uk/foodwaste



£1.25 per roll of 25 liners









Around six million real Christmas trees are sold in the UK every year; and unfortunately, many of these are still thrown away when the Christmas season comes to an end.

So why not recycle your **real Christmas tree** and let Cory Environmental collect it free of charge? All you have to do is simply place your **real Christmas tree** at the front boundary of your property, in a visible position, ensuring all decorations and pots have been removed. Cory Environmental will then collect the tree within **ten working days** and arrange for it to be composted. If the tree hasn't been collected after this period, please contact Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on (01702) 215006 so that a collection can be arranged.

You can also take your **real Christmas tree** to both of the Household Waste Recycling Centres and place it in the green waste container where it will be sent for composting.



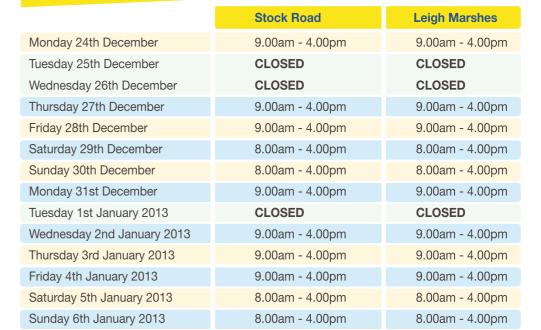
Residents who have purchased garden waste sacks can now register for a collection online. Simply use the online form available at

www.southend.gov.uk/gardenwaste



### **Household Waste Recycling Centres**

Opening hours over the Christmas and New Year period



From the 7th January 2013, normal opening hours will resume. Please visit **www.southend.gov.uk** for a list of HWRC opening times.

### Did you know?

Landfill tax is charged for every tonne of waste sent to landfill. This tax increases by £8 per tonne each year and this year it is now £64 per tonne. With over 37,000 tonnes of waste expected to end up in landfill this year, the cost in landfill tax alone will be over £2.3 million! Next year, with the tax increasing to £72 per tonne, an additional £300,000 would need to be spent just to dispose of the same amount of household waste to landfill.









### **Revised Collection Dates**

Over the Christmas and New Year period collection days will alter. Please refer to the table below.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Tuesday 25th December	Thursday 27th December
Wednesday 26th December	Friday 28th December
Thursday 27th December	Saturday 29th December
Friday 28th December	Monday 31st December
Monday 31st December	Wednesday 2nd January 2013
Tuesday 1st January 2013	Thursday 3rd January 2013
Wednesday 2nd January 2013	Friday 4th January 2013
Thursday 3rd January 2013	Saturday 5th January 2013
Friday 4th January 2013	Monday 7th January 2013
Monday 7th January 2013	Tuesday 8th January 2013
Tuesday 8th January 2013	Wednesday 9th January 2013
Wednesday 9th January 2013	Thursday 10th January 2013
Thursday 10th January 2013	Friday 11th January 2013
Friday 11th January 2013	Saturday 12th January 2013
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Please ensure all sacks and bins are available for collection from 7.00am, in a visible location at the front boundary of your property. Please do not place on the public footpath, highway or verge. For more information about recycling visit www.southend.gov.uk/recycling or call Southend-on-Sea Borough Council on (01702) 215006.

### Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!





Why not follow our recycling campaign on Facebook and Twitter? These pages have been set up to give residents of Southend-on-Sea the latest recycling information. Find us on Facebook by searching "Southend Recycling Champions" and to follow us on Twitter, search "@RecycleSouthend"

Also, why not visit our community recycling webpage "Recycle for Southend" at www.southend.gov.uk/recyclinginsouthend.









